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REPORT AND STATUS OF OWNERSHIP AND TITLE  
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INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH INTO THE TITLE  
AND OWNERSHIP OF THE AREAS INCLUDED WITHIN  
DOCK SQUARE AND ADAMS SQUARE, BOSTON

I.

Scope and Purpose of Investigation

The determination of title to Dock Square and Adams Square involved research into the very earliest history of the Towne of Boston, actually almost from the time of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony to the present time, and required diligent and painstaking research into historical sources, laws, ordinances, ancient documents, record of ancient instruments at the Registry of Deeds, plans, sketches and decisions of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, in order to establish the exact status of title ownership in these areas. This report also covers that portion of Faneuil Hall Square northerly of Faneuil Hall and southerly of the northerly side of what was formerly North Street within the project area.

Dock Square is presently composed of an area which in part was once a cove of the sea affected by the rise and fall of the tide; in part of old colonial paths and ways; in part of what was upland in colonial times and became public streets before revolutionary times, and other portions which became public streets after the colony had become one of the states of the Union.

Since Dock Square is now all composed of a public street, should any portion be abandoned as such public street, the ownership of the abandoned portions would revert back to the persons who were the owners of the fee (in the event that the city's title thereto was only an easement for a public street).







With respect to the area which was part of a cove of the sea, and became a street after the filling of the dock, to determine its ownership we must go back to colonial times as no later evidence of ownership exists. Furthermore, as the cove was part of the sea its ownership would be directly affected by whether it was controlled by the 1641-1647 colonial ordinance, or not.

Such part of the area which has its origin in colonial paths or ways would entail application of different principles of law from those which applied to streets laid out on upland after revolutionary times, with possible different results as to the interest acquired by the city in the public way.

Therefore, our first task in this report is to allocate the affected areas into their respective classes and then to examine the evidence and the applicable law to each particular class, which of necessity, entails research from colonial times to the present.

## II.

### The Law Of Tidelands As Affecting Dock Square

As the name implies, Dock Square was the original site of the town dock in the Towne of Boston from its earliest times. From our research, we can safely say that the water at high tide of the Harbor of Boston came into a cove which was called Bendall's Cove and consisted of marsh and flats at low tide practically throughout the entire cove. It would appear that the cove extended from a point on North Street near Blackstone Street roundabout in a westerly direction towards Union Street to about near Adams Square (its furthest point to the west), then on a southerly course it would bound on what is now Exchange and Congress Streets to Merchants Row and beyond, encompassing what is now Faneuil Hall Square. This conclusion is supported







by the various documents, sketches and plans which we shall hereinafter refer to.

Since the original area of Dock Square consisted of marsh and flats, it requires a discussion of the Law of Tidelands in Massachusetts which has its origin in the so-called Ordinance of 1641-1647 of the Massachusetts Bay Colony to determine its effect on title to the area.

At the time that the Colony Charter was granted to the colonists, the common law of England provided that the title to the seashore and the land under the sea from ordinary high water mark to an imaginary line one marine league or three geographical miles out to sea, was in the sovereign. Consequently, upon the granting of the Charter by Charles I to the colonial company, the rights in the seashore and the sea passed from the King to the colonial company, which was given absolute property in the land within the limits of the Charter. In turn, the land rights devolved upon the towns established throughout the colony and included such portions of the seashore if appropriated by the towns, prior to the Colonial Ordinance of 1641-1647.

It would appear that the rights in the seashore with respect to fishing and fowling first appeared in the "Body of Liberties". This Ordinance first appearing in the colonial records of the Generall Court in 1641, was as follows:

"Every Inhabitant that is an howse holder shall have free fishing and fowling in any great ponds and Bayes, Coves and Rivers, so farre as the sea ebbes and flowes within the presincts of the towne where they dwell, unlesse the free men of the same Towne or the Generall Court have otherwise appropriated them, provided that this shall not be extended to give leave to any man to come upon others proprieties without there leave".







In October 1641, the records of the Generall Court record that "the Governor (Bellingham) and Mr. Hawthorne were desired to speak to Mr. Warde for a copy of the Liberties and of the Capital Laws to be transcribed and to be sent to the several towns", with the following marginal notation of Governor Winthrop on the original record in December 1641, as follows:

"At this Court the Bodye of Laws formerly sent forth among the Freemen, etc. was voted to stand in force, etc".

Thereafter, in the official edition of the public laws, occurring in 1649, appears the full copy of the 1641-1647 Ordinance which is as follows:

"Everie Inhabitant who is an hous-holder shall have free fishing and fowling, in any great Ponds, Bayes, Coves and Rivers so far as the Sea ebs and flows, within the precincts of the town where they dwell, unless the Free-men of the same town, or the General Court have otherwise appropriated them. Provided that no town shall appropriate to any particular person or persons, any great Pond containing more then ten acres of land: and that no man shall come upon anothers proprietie without their leave otherwise then as hereafter expressed; the which clearly to determin, it is declared that in all creeks, coves and other places, about and upon salt water where the Sea ebs and flows, the Proprietor of the land adjoyning shall have proprietie to the low water mark where the Sea doth not ebb above a hundred rods, and not more wheresoever it ebs farther. Provided that such Proprietor shall not by this libertie have power to stop or hinder the passage of boats or other vessels in, or through any sea creeks, or coves to other mens houses or lands. And for great Ponds lying in common though within the bounds of some town, it shall be free for any man to fish and fowl there, and may pass and repass on foot through any mans proprietie for that end, so they trespassed not upon any mans corn or meadow. (1641 1647)".

This Ordinance has been followed and adopted by the Massachusetts courts as the law of the land for the ownership of the seashore and flats down to the present time.

In applying the Ordinance, it must be taken into account that it speaks from its inception with respect to fishing and fowling in 1641







"unlesse the Free-men of the same Towne or the Generall Court have otherwise appropriated them", and the same language appears in the 1649 edition which was as noted by Governor Winthrop and sent forth to the Freemen in December of 1641.

With this background, it must be determined whether or not at the time of the adoption of the Ordinance of 1641 (whereby the owners of the upland were granted the seashore and flats before their lands extending to a point at low water mark, provided it did not exceed 100 rods), the upland owners or the Towne of Boston were the owners of the marsh and flats within the area composing Bendall's Cove.

The Colony defined the limits of various towns and then left it to the town authorities to dispose of their lands to their inhabitants, retaining such portions thereof as were required for the town's use. This appears from a notation in the Boston Town Records for the 10th month, 18th day of 1634, as follows:

"Att a generall meeting upon publique notice.  
Imprimis, it is agreed that Mr. Winthrop, Mr.  
Coddington, Mr. Bellingham, Mr. Cotton, Mr.  
Ollyver, Mr. Colborne and Willm Balstone shall  
have power to devide and dispose of all such lands  
belonging to the towne (as are not yet in the law-  
full possession of any particular persons) to the  
inhabitants of the towne according to the Orders of  
the Court, leaving such portions in Common for the  
use of neue Commers, and the further benefitt of the  
towne, as in theire best discretions they shall  
thinke fitt; the Ilands hyred by the towne to be  
also included in this Order".

Prior to this notation the town had already made allotments of land to various of its inhabitants. The list of allotments with their bounds were later incorporated in a record called "Book of Possessions". This record of allotments is presumed to have been compiled during the year 1652.







Prior to the 29th of the 9th month 1641, there is no record of any allotment to anyone of Bendall's Cove or of the marsh or flats comprising the same. For the first time on that date at a meeting of Richard Bellingham, Esquire, Governor John Winthrop, Esquire, Wm. Tynge, Treasurer, Wm. Colbron, Jacob Eliott, James Penne and John Oliver, a lease of the cove and flats with the exception of the common highway and "proprieties" which were reserved, was granted by the Towne in the following language:

"There is granted to Valentine Hill, of Boston, Merchant, and his Associates, their executors, administratours and assignes, all the wast ground (common highway and proprieties reserved) from the Point of the Marish betweene Mr. William Tynge's Palle and John Lowe's howse there, as it is now staked out, to the uppermost Corner of Mr. Edward Tynge's Proprietie neare the key, already staked out, and so round by Edward Bendalle's to the Point fore mentioned, for so many yeares as the Charge they shall bestowe in Purchase of their neighbours their late wharfinge, and in Building, making and repairing such wharfes, creekes or coves within this five yeares now next Comming shall amount unto, accounting after nine yeares' time to be allowed for, one hundred pounds, and rateably for all the charge to be bestowed, as aforesayd, this term to begin at the expiration of the sayd five yeares. And the said Valentine Hill and his Associates, their executors, administratours, and assignes, are allowed to take Tunnage of all such vessells and wharfage of all such goods as shall there arrive, or make use thereof during the sayd termes, Provided all such whose grounds doe butt on the wast ground above granted, or high wayes there, shall be free to import, land and export within this jurisdiction (except by way of merchandize), all their owne goods, wood, timber and other things being originally of this jurisdiction, without any charge, during the terme before granted, so that the vessells stay not in the coves nor creekes delivering, nor the goods remain upon the wharfe, above forty-eight houres.

And it is also agreed that such warehouses or other houses as they shall erect during their terme they shall be allowed for by the Towne,







after such Rate as they shall be vallued to be then worth without Respect of the Place. And it is also agreed that such wharves as they shall make there, they shall leave in good Repaire, and so as they may be of use to the Towne at the end of the time. Provided that if they or their excequators or Assignes shall Resigne and give up the same to the Towne three yeares before the end of their terme, then they shall not be charged with Reparation - Provided they shall not hereby have liberty to Pull downe or demolish the same or any part thereof. And it is also agreed that the said Grantees shall within the space of two yeares next ensueing sufficiently wharfe, and from time to time keepe in repaire the creeke next unto George Burden's house, fitting for the lading and unlading of a lighter of twenty tunne in ordinary Tydes on either side thereat. - And it is also agreed that they shall not take tonnage or wharfage of any boates or goods but at such times as the wharfes and coves shall be useful for such vessels as shall then arrive, nor shall hinder the lading of any goods upon any such part of the cove where they shall not bestowe answerable cost of wharfing. And it is further agreed that it shall be lawfull for any of this Towne to passe to and fro in their ships or small boates without paying any thing, so they doe not lay or leave sayd boats to prejudice the said Grantees for the passage of any greater vessel, or the ladeing or unladeing of any merchandize, or other goods by which they are to Receive benefitt. Provided also, that if Mr. Edward Tynge shall within five yeares now next coming, wharfe in that part of the waste betweene the inside of the crosse wall and Mr. Hill's wharfe end, being in length seventy-four foote, or thereabouts, being already marked out. He shall then enjoye to him, and his Assignes, the sole libertye of tunnage, wharfage, by and upon the same without contributing to any other charge, in Consideration thereof the sayd Grantees are to have their nine yeares made up tenne for every one hundred pounds bestowed as aforesayde, and if he shall not wharf the same within the sayd five yeares, then the sayd Grantees may doe it as the rest".

This lease is recorded in Book 1, Page 114, in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "1".

The bounds of the area which was leased was "all the wast ground from the point of the marish between Mr. Wm. Tynge's Palle and John Lowe's howse







there, as it is now staked out to the uppermost Corner of Mr. Edward Tyng's Proprietie neare the key, already staked out, and so round by Edward Bendalle's to the point fore mentioned". This description clearly indicates that there was marsh between the upland and the flats in the cove; this description also reserves and excludes the common highway which ran around the cove and was before the house lots allotted to the various inhabitants and the waters of the cove.

The disposal by the town in the form of a lease of Bendall's Cove in the 9th month of 1641, was a disposition made by the town of the sea-shore and flats in Bendall's Cove to others prior to the taking effect of the 1641-1647 Ordinance, so that when the 1641-1647 Ordinance became effective, the upland owners did not acquire the flats as the town had previously appropriated them, and further, such disposition was one of the exceptions to the grant of flats to upland owners. Even if there was still some doubt as to whether the 1641 Ordinance had become effective prior to the lease of Bendall's Cove to Valentine Hill and others, it would appear from statements made in the case of Rust v. Boston Mill Corporation, 6 Pickering 158 (1828), that the grant of the lease antedated that of the Ordinance. In that case, in which the town had made a grant of another cove in the town to others for the erection of a Corn Mill in 1643, the Court stated at Page 166, as follows:

"It appears by the records of the town, that Governor Winthrop and several distinguished citizens were present at the meeting when this grant was made. And it cannot be presumed that they were ignorant of the legal rights of the town; or they would have consented to the grant, unless they were satisfied as to the title. Nor can it be presumed that the grantees would have made the purchase, thereby engaging to







incur the heavy expense of erecting mills, according to the terms and condition of the grant, without a thorough examination of the title of the grantors".

In the area in question, the grant of the lease to Bendall's Cove was made at a meeting at which Governor Bellingham and John Winthrop were present with others. Further, since the notation in the colonial records which Governor Winthrop himself made, to the effect that the Bodie of Liberties was sent to the Freemen of the towns in December of 1641, it is fair to conclude that at the time of the grant of the lease to Valentine Hill and others, that the town had the title to the entire Bendall's Cove.

In the Rust case previously cited, the Court also pointed out that there was marsh between the upland and the flats in the cove which was then in litigation, and consequently since the marsh was owned by the town because it had not been allotted out, the upland owners would have no title to the flats in front of the marsh. |||

As the description of Bendall's Cove clearly indicates marsh adjoined the upland, it would also by analogy bar any claim of the upland owners around Bendall's Cove from any claim either to the marsh or the flats composing the same.

Consequently, that as of the time of the lease of Valentine Hill, the Towne of Boston was the owner of all that property comprised within the confines of Bendall's Cove.







### III.

#### Recorded Transactions In the Registry of Deeds Involving The Ownership To the Area Which Comprised Bendall's Cove

An analysis of the lease of Bendall's Cove to Valentine Hill and others indicates that the lessees were called upon within a period of 5 years to build wharves for the dockage of vessels and the landing and exporting of various merchandise and lumber; that any warehouses and wharves that were to be erected during the term of the lease would be left in good repair for the town at the expiration of the lease, except that the town was to have their value determined and to pay the lessees the amount thereof; that the townspeople could use the dock for their own goods, provided they would not impede the loading and unloading of the lessees' goods; that the term of the lease was to be based upon a period of 10 years for every 100 pounds; that the lessees should expend in building warehouses and wharves during the first five year period; and that the lessees were entitled to charge for tonnage and wharfage of all boats at their wharves.

On the 26th of the 12th month of 1648, there appears in the Towne of Boston records an indication of the payments made during the five year period by the lessees Valentine Hill et als, as follows:

"It is ordered upon perusall of the accts of Mr. Hill (-) Edward Bendall about the cove or docks in their charges which they (-) in the 5 yrs allowed them by the towne to expend in as apears (-) 56, which we find to put to account 818L. 13s. 4d. which makes their nu ( ) of years for them to possess to be four score from the year 1646".







The foregoing is recorded in Book 1, Page 114 in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. In other words, the Valentine Hill lease of Bendall's Cove was for a period to 1646.

It would appear that in addition to the area included within the Valentine Hill lease there was other land, possibly upland, adjoining Bendall's Cove which had not been allotted and continued to be owned by the Towne of Boston for the town records for the 26th of the 4th month of 1649, discloses that the town had evidently leased such land at a rental, which notation is as follows:

"John Loo, John Scotto, Wm. Hanbery, Isaac Waker, Edmond Jackson, John Shaw, Joseph Wormwall, Leanard Buttolfe are indebted to the Towne of Boston, and their successors for ever for the schols use for their land in Bendalls Cove, as their evidences will show it forth, which some that is to be payd yearly is 3l. 3s. 2d.".

A few years later, as would appear by the town records in a meeting of the 26th of the 4th month of 1649, there is a record to the effect that the Selectmen of the Towne were authorized to sell the reversion of the dock or cove called by the name of Bendall's Dock, together with the flats thereto belonging, to James Everill who was thereafter forever to pay for the school's use six pounds sixteen shillings ten pence annually, as would appear by the deed of sale of the town. The deed covering the sale of the reversion from the Selectmen of the Towne of Boston to James Everill is dated the 31st day of the 11th month (called January) 1649. This deed is recorded in Book 1, Pages 115, 116 and 117 at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "2".







It is to be noted, however, that the area to which the deed of reversion applies is described as "all along from the land and wharf of John Bateman on the north, as it runneth along by the houses and lands of James Nash, Thomas Painter, Wm. Hudson, Sr., John Lowe, Joshua Scotto, James Everill, Edmund Jackson, Isaac Waker, John Button, William Hudson, Jr., John Glover, George Burden, Richard Webb, U. Gunnison, Wm. Tyng, Wm. Ffrancklin, Robert Nash, Edward Bendall, Edmund Grosse, Sammuel Cole, Valentine Hill, Henry Webb, unto the wharfe of Wm. Davies on the south".

The foregoing description of the area of the cove or dock probably indicates the owners of house lots around the cove which were apparently part of the upland. However, there were specifically excepted from the operation of the deed the houses and wharves, most of whom have been referred to as indebted to the Town for the school's use, previously referred to, and in addition thereto, certain land of Edward Bendall and the wharf of Henry Webb.

It is also to be noted that excluded in the deed of the reversion were the house and wharf of Valentine Hill, the warehouse and wharf now or late in the occupation of Major Nehemiah Bourne, the warehouse of Edward Bendall, and also the warehouse in occupation of Captain John Leverett, provided Everill made payment to such person for the value of the warehouse. However, there was endorsed on the deed of reversion the statement that whereas the description of the area placed the bounds around the houses and lands of James Nash and Thomas Painter, it was understood that the area was "only to extend to the high way running along by said houses and lands"; that the highway which is reserved 20







foot in breadth was the highway from William Davies property along towards Edward Bendall's brick house and so toward Robert Nashe's house. Further, the endorsement stated that whereas James Everill was granted the right to erect a new wharf upon the flats granted to him by the deed, it was agreed that he should not erect any such wharf within 40 feet of the wharf of Edward Bendall, which would hinder the free passage of vessels to the wharf during the period of the lease to Edward Bendall; and the endorsement also contained this very vital provision: "Ffurther the said James Everill for himselfe, his heires and assignes doth covenant to and with the said Selectmen that the said cove and premisses shalbe lyable to make good the said Rent Charge forever".

After the building of the docks and wharf by Edward Bendall and Valentine Hill, they in certain cases either sold one-eighth interest or mortgaged the same. In addition, portions of the dock were subleased for the term of the lease which they had from the Town. We find among the records in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, a sublease dated the 6th day of the 11th month of 1645, recorded in Book 1, Page 71, to Joshua Scotto, of a 20 foot section of the area described as lying near the dwelling house of said Joshua and extending to the water side bounded on the north with the highway, on the east with the warehouse of Bourne, on the south with the cove or dock, on the west with the land then in the possession of Christopher Lawson.

For the purpose of indicating the location of the last mentioned recorded instrument, reference is made to a sketch or plan entitled "A Plan of the Towne Docke formerly called Bendall's Dock in Boston with the Build-







ings Round and Flats Before It Taken By Mr. James Blake, Surveyor, August 26, 1738". This plan is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "3". We identify that parcel of the dock area as lying between the dock and Ann Street.

For the purposes of indicating the contours of the dock area, the earliest plan or sketch is that of Captain John Bonner of the Towne of Boston in New England dated 1722, which is hereby annexed and marked Exhibit "4".

For identification purposes only, we quote the description contained in a deed from John Lowe to Sampson Shoare of "a parcel of land adjoining the cove 30 feet from Major General Edward Gibbon's warehouse and bounded on the west with the said warehouse, the street towards the north, the cove on the south and my own land on the eastward. Containing 30 feet in breadth on the water side at the dock". This instrument is dated the 26th of the 11th month 1651, and is recorded in Book 1, Page 165. We identify John Lowe's house and the parcel conveyed 30 feet on the dock, as also Edward Gibbon's warehouse as lying between Ann Street on the north and the dock on the south.

There is recorded an instrument dated the 19th of August 1651 between James Everill and Edward Bendall to Peter Oliver, of a lease of a 30 foot section of the dock area upon which Oliver was to build a warehouse and that at the end of the term of the lease, the warehouse was to be appraised and Oliver was to be paid the amount thereof.

By an instrument dated March 9, 1657, Edward Hutchinson, Jr., in behalf of his father, Richard Hutchinson, having purchased seven-eighths part of the dock or cove, ratified and confirmed the sublease to Peter Oliver.







This instrument is recorded in Book 3, Page 130b. It is to be noted that Richard Hutchinson had then become owner of seven-eighths of the lease of the dock. Our examination of the recorded instruments at the Suffolk Registry of Deeds fails to disclose just exactly how Hutchinson became such owner. From the instruments of record, it would appear that William Franklin was one of the associates of Valentine Hill and Edward Bendall, and his interest represented one-quarter part of the lease of the dock.

However, we do find of record in Book 1, Page 82, a notation of two deeds of one-eighth part interest each in the dock from Edward Bendall to William Franklin. These deeds were dated, respectively, the 10th of the 4th month 1645, and the 11th of the 6th month 1645. However, in an instrument recorded in Book 1, Page 95, it would appear that Edward Bendall, who had formerly purchased one-quarter interest in the lease in the dock from William Franklin, had given deeds to Franklin and to have paid off the amount due under a mortgage which said deeds actually represented.

In addition, we find recorded in Book 1, Page 92, a mortgage given by Valentine Hill to William Franklin of his one-quarter interest in the cove, which is dated November 19, 1647.

We also find of record in Book 1, Page 164, two mortgages given by Edward Bendall, one to Thomas Clarke dated December 30, 1651, of a one-eighth interest of the lease in the dock, and the other to William Phillips dated December 30, 1651.

By an instrument dated August 19, 1651, James Everill and Edward Bendall leased to Peeter Oliuer "a parcel of land at the Docke or Coue, being 30 foote in breadth & 20 foote in length", and Peeter Oliuer "was







to make up the head Sill of the wharfe appertayninge to the said ground, & to bring ground or earth for the Seller within six weeks after the date heereof, & to lay earth vppon the wharfe aforesaid for raising the rest of the ground about the warehowse within 3 months next following", and Peeter Oliuer was to erect a warehouse to be set up 40 feet in length and 20 feet in breadth all along the house 10 feet wide with the cellar under the warehouse; one-half the warehouse leanetto and cellar was to stand upon the aforementioned land and the other half on the property of Everill and Bendall.

Furthermore, Peeter Oliuer covenanted "to make and maintain the earth being at the first by then laid on the wharfe as aforesaid the ground on both sides his warehowse to the eastward and westward tenn foote in bredth from the said howse all alongst his one proper parte of the warehowse and also to maintain a wharfe to the westward being 20 ffoote in length". The lease was for a period "for and during the whole terme which the Towne graunted to valentine Hill and Edward Bendall".

From the description given, it is not possible to pinpoint the location of this last mentioned warehouse, other than the fact that it was to be in the area of the dock and wharf for the landing of goods thereon.

There is of record in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 1, Page 82, that Edward Bendall by two separate indentures, one dated the 10th of the 4th month 1645, and the other dated the 11th of the 6th 1645, conveyed away to Willm Ffrancklin on each occasion a one-eighth







part of the cove or dock called Bendall's Dock making in all a conveyance of one-fourth of the dock.

Notwithstanding, the preceding reference to the conveyance of one-quarter part in the dock by Edward Bendall to Willm Ffrancklin, we find an instrument recorded in Book 2, Pages 11 and 12, which indicates that a William Phillips conveyed to Edward Hutchinson, Jr., for the use of his father, Richard Hutchinson, the one-quarter part of the lease of the dock and wharf known by the name of Bendall's Dock, which it is there asserted as one-eighth having been sold to William Phillips, and the other eighth sold to Captain Thomas Clarke.

There is recorded in Book 2, Page 104, an instrument dated the 25th of the 8th month of 1648, whereby John Shawe conveyed to James Everill a certain parcel of land at the dock, being in front of the dock about 40 feet, bounded on the east with Joshua Scottow, Edmund Jackson west, the cove south, and the highway north. We identify this parcel as being between Ann Street on the north and the dock on the south. This deed is only referred to for the purpose of showing the location of the parcel of John Shawe which was excepted out of the deed of reversion to James Everill.

By deed recorded in Book 1, Page 96, there appears a deed from Edward Bendall to John Lowe for the term of the lease from the town of a parcel of land 60 feet in length east and west, and 40 feet in breadth at the east end, 44 feet at the west end, bounded with the cove on the south, and Edward Bendall on the east and on the west, and the highway on the north. We identify this parcel as being between Ann Street on the north and the cove or dock on the south.







By an instrument recorded in Book 4, Pages 92-94, Edward Hutchinson as attorney for Richard Hutchinson, stated therein that Valentine Hill by a deed dated May 24, 1649, had conveyed to Richard Hutchinson three-quarters part of the dock and cove called Bendall's Dock, according to the grant of the Towne of Boston for the term of years therein expressed, and further since Richard Hutchinson was already legally possessed of one-eighth part of the dock or cove in the right of William Phillips, who, together with Captain Thomas Clarke had purchased another eighth part of the dock from Edward Bendall, thereupon leased and confirmed to John Wodmansey that parcel of the dock where John Wodmansey had lately erected and set up a new wharf and large warehouse at the mouth of the dock or cove commonly called and known by the name of Bendall's Dock.

"Facing to the seawards in length from mouth of said docke to a high way between the said warehouse newly built by said John Wodmansey and the land now in possession of said Edward Hutchinson in right of his uncle 70 feet be it more or less and is bounded with the sea or channel east and easterly with the gutt or passage out of the docke north and northerly the inside of the docke or cove next the towne west and westerly and the high way aforementioned lying in common use between the said warehouse of said Wodmansey and Hutchinson south and southerly with all the flats and libertie of wharfing to the seaward for that breadth of years during the time and term of years from April 16, 1662 then to come and unexpired".

We identify the area of the sublease to Wodmansey on the 1738 Plan as the area south of the narrow slip entrance into the town dock between the Swing Bridge thereof and the flats to the east. It is also noted on this Plan as Wodmansey's Wharfe.

An instrument is recorded in Book 4, Page 312 from a Robert Patteshal to Wm. Taylor of a warehouse at the dock in Boston "lyeing betwixt the







lands sometimes Sampsons Shoar on the easterly side and a short lane or passage leading from the street unto the said docke on the westerly side and betwixt the said street called the Conduit Street on the northerly end and the said docke on the southerly end".

The conveyance is a lease for the balance of the term of years unexpired which was granted unto "Major Nehemiah Bourne, his heirs and assigns for a certain time or term of years yet to come and unexpired as is aforesaid which will issue and be expired the 26th day of February in the year of our Lord 1726 and which said grant unto said Bourne was by him the said Bourne conveyed unto Major Edward Gibbons and from the said Gibbons to William Hudson and from the said Hudson to said Patteshal". (Note: we find no such assignments of the lease on record). We identify this parcel, which was excepted out of the conveyance of the reversion to James Everill previously referred to on the 1738 Plan as southerly of Ann Street (at one time called Conduit Street) and facing the dock being nearer the lane aside of the Watch House near unto the Conduit.

It would appear by an instrument recorded in Book 7, Page 169, dated June 3, 1671, that the lease of the 20 foot portion on Bendall's Dock which had been given to Joshua Scotto under Book 1, Page 71, was assigned to Benjamin Gibbs, and at said Book and Page there is recorded the lease on the 20 foot section from the Selectmen of the Towne of Boston to Joshua Scotto after the period of 78 years next shall have expired which, according to computation, would be in the year 1726, the grantee paying to the Towne of Boston for the use of the schools 5 shillings yearly, and in the event the 5 shillings were not paid in 10 days after the expiration of the year, then the townsmen of Boston could restrain the land for the payment







of that sum. This lease was assigned to Benjamin Gibbs by Scotto on the 22nd of the 7th month of 1663.

Our examination of the records at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds disclosed numerous transactions covering mortgages, agreements and some conveyances of part interests in the leases or parts of the dock made by John Wodmansey, Benjamin Gibbs, John Saffin, Wm. Taylor, Richard Wharton, Benjamin and John Davis, John Fairweather, the Executors of the Estate of Captain William Davis, Samuel Paddy, and Richard Crisp. For the most part, these transactions were either of areas bounding on Ann Street, or westerly at the head of the dock, or transactions involving the areas under the Wodmansey lease. We do not feel that an extended, detailed analysis of these transactions would in any way affect either the original lease and reversion of the dock area for determination of the title and ownership of the area of Dock Square, which we have under consideration.

#### IV.

##### Votes Recorded in Town Records As Declarations Of Ownership Of Town Dock

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 28th of the 8th month 1667, there was granted to Will Tayler the reversion of the ground on which his warehouse stood and the wharf before it, which originally was in the possession of Major Bourne, for which he was to pay forever to the use of the free school 10 shillings annually from April 1st, 1670, as appears by the deed.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 30th of the 6th month 1669, it was agreed "that in consideration of his enjoyment of his land & houses on ye docke after the expiration of his present lease to pay 12s. per







annum from this time forever to the use, of the towne in mony".

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 11th of the 3rd month 1671, liberty was granted to John Woodmansey "to take in parte of the greate docke on the south side of the dockes mouth to add to his wharfe provided he enlarge as much on the north side, leaving it the same breadth as now it is, which is 26½ foot over from inside to inside in the narrowest parte thereof". We identify on the 1738 Plan the area in question which he was to leave, the so-called gutt or slip into the town dock 26½ feet wide at its narrowest point near the Swing Bridge.

At a meeting of the Selectmen dated 31st of March 1673, liberty was granted to Richard Wharton, William Taylor, John Woodmansey and John Fairweather "to make a bridge over the Dockes mouth so that it may not be prejudicial to any vessells passinge to or fro by day or night nor hassardous to Children of other persons". We identify this point on the 1738 Plan as the Swing Bridge at the head of the slip to the entry to the town dock.

At a meeting of the inhabitants on March 10, 1677, the grant of authority for the making of a bridge over the dock's mouth by the Selectmen on March 31, 1673, confirmed the grant and empowered the Selectmen to make such further orders as was necessary therefor.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on April 12, 1675, an order was entered that Wm. Taylor, Richard Wharton and John Saffine, who had encroached upon the dock before their warehouses near the mouth of the dock, which was prejudicial to the interests of the town, to remove the encroachment within 24 hours upon penalty of 20s. a day. On April 24th, there is a note to the effect that the aforesaid wharf was removed ac-







ording to the order.

On August 29, 1679, at a public meeting of the inhabitants of the town, there is a report from the Selectmen that they had reached an agreement to convey to Eliakim Huchinson the reversion of that part of the dock "bounded with the warehouse and wharfe of Mr. John Woodmansey on the north and the warehouse of Edward Sheppen on the south continued towards the sea 63 foote with the flats before it (in proportion of others in the neighborhood) and towards the docke on each side of Capt. William Davis land about 56 foote", for a payment to the Treasurer of the town of 10 shillings yearly on the first day of September for the use of the town. We identify the area involved as one of the warehouses southerly of the Swing Bridge and adjoining Woodmansey's Wharfe on the 1837 Plan.

This reversionary interest, after the expiration of the original lease, was contained in a deed dated February 23, 1679 and recorded in Book 12, Page 117.

On January 30, 1681, at a meeting of the Selectmen, there appears a copy of an indenture or deed from the Selectmen to John Woodmansey of the area representing a part of the dock where Woodmansey had lately erected and set up a new wharf and large warehouse "lyinge and beinge at the mouth of the said Docke or Cove commonly called Bendall Docke facing to the seaward in length from the mouth of the docke to a highway between the said warehouse newly built by said Woodmansey and the warehouse and land then in the possession of said Edwerd Hutchinson in right of the said Richard Hutchinson 70 foote be it more or lesse bounded with the Sea or Channell East and Easterly with the Gutt or







passage out of the docke, North or Northerly the inside of the docke or cove next the towne West or Westerly and the highway then in Common use between the Warehouse of the said Woodmansey and Hutchinson since built upon by the said Hutchinson, South or Southerly", for which Woodmansey was to pay the Towne Treasurer one pepper corne from and after April 1st, 1671, as an honorarium to the Towne of Boston or within four days thereafter for the use of the free school of Boston.

We identify the area involved in this reversionary deed as a 70 foot section marked Woodmansey Wharfe on the 1738 Plan.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on May 27, 1684, acting under the authority of a vote of the inhabitants at a town meeting of March 10, 1684, with respect to the regulation of the highway before their land from the great Dockes mouth to Samuel Nowell's warehouse corner where the warehouses had been burned down by fire, it was agreed that Edward Sheppen (who held his property under a lease from the lessees' dock) that he should have the reversion after the expiration of his lease. We identify this warehouse as being between Ann Street and the dock.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on June 30, 1684, it was noted that the Selectmen had agreed with Hutchinson on authority of an order of the inhabitants of the town, at a town meeting on March 30, 1678, that in consideration of adding to the highway before his land next to the dock 8 foot in breadth and 38 foot in length to lie as a highway forever, the annual rent of 10 shillings was abated and remitted to him and a new deed was given to him by the Selectmen. This deed is dated June 30, 1684, and is recorded in Book 13, Pages 251-252. As previously pointed out, the area involved in this deed of reversion represented the highway in front







of the warehouses immediately south of the Swing Bridge.

At a town meeting held on March 7, 1709, it is recorded that Eliakim Huchinson was willing to surrender up his lease to the town dock or Bendall's Dock on certain terms proposed by him, and the Selectmen were of the opinion that it would be advisable to accept. Thereupon, the Selectmen were empowered to negotiate with Huchinson concerning terms for the surrender of the lease.

Thereafter, in the minutes of the Selectmen for March 24, 1710, there appears an agreement with Eliakim Huchinson for the surrender to the town of his lease and interest in the wharf and dock formerly called Bendall's Dock for the remaining term of years (including a Joseph Rogers lease), excepting and reserving that part thereof where his warehouse stands which the town had granted to him forever, and also reserving during the remaining term of years, a piece of wharf on which the Hutchinson Crane house stands and the town was to pay Huchinson 14 pounds a year until the end of the term of the lease, which is reputed to expire in 1726, and that the committee was also of unanimous opinion that the land on which Hutchinson Crane house stands was part of the wharf contained in the lease to Bendalle and Company, and ought to return to the town at the end of the expiration of the lease.

At a town meeting dated March 12, 1732, it appears that Henry Gibbs had encroached on the town land at Dock Square by erecting frames thereon, and it was voted that the Selectmen see that they were demolished.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on August 21, 1716, the Selectmen were of the opinion that it would be to the benefit of the town to make an addition to the wharves at the north side of the town dock and a







committee was appointed to effect the same.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on September 2, 1740, a plan for the erection of a house for a market from Peter Faneuil to be built on Dock Square was filed and requested the Selectmen to lay out the ground in order to begin the foundation; that the Selectmen went on the place and marked and staked out a piece of ground for that use "measuring in length from the lower or easterly end fronting the warehouses in Merchants Row 100 feet and in breadth 40 feet, which leaves a passageway of 30 feet wide between the towne's shoppes and the market house to be built".

#### V.

##### Rental of Shops on the Town Dock Showing Exercise of Ownership by the Town of Boston

At a meeting of the Selectmen dated January 22, 1717, the Selectmen voted that the town wharf and dock, as well as the part occupied the previous year, and the new addition which had then been lately made and repaired on the northerly side of the dock, be let to John Braman for one year.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of March 28, 1719, it was voted to let to James Barnes the town's wharf and dock for one year.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on January 28, 1722, it was voted to lease part of the town wharf and dock to Wm. and Stephen Payn "reserving the libertie to the neighbors that are privileged therein".

At a town meeting June 3, 1724, it was voted to consider and project some proper method for improving the town dock, the wharves and buildings adjoining which are and may be in a short time delivered up to the town,







and the committee was empowered to treat with any persons who may offer to hire the same, upon terms for a lease not exceeding 21 years. At this meeting, there was also noted other transactions concerning the town dock and buildings; that the committee had made an appraisement of the housing or tenements standing on the town's land and wharf on the south side of the town dock then in the possession of Bromfield & Belcher, who were assignees of Valentine Hill. (Amounts were appraised and possession delivered to the Selectmen who then rented them out to several tenants).

At a town meeting dated March 14, 1725, it was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to agree with and sell to persons concerned with "quitt rents" from the Swing Bridge to Anthiems Corner, so-called, as also for the enlargement the town had made of the wharf thereon, upon such consideration as the Selectmen should judge reasonable.

At a town meeting of March 13, 1726, the Selectmen were empowered to sell the several "quitt rents" about the town dock and when the buildings were appraised, the Selectmen were empowered to draw on the Town Treasurer to pay for the same.

At the town meeting of May 3, 1726, the Selectmen were empowered to take care of the town's interest at the dock with reference to the buildings, etc., the lease whereof will expire on November next, and to receive and improve them for the benefit of the town, and to appoint suitable persons on behalf of the town to appraise the same and draw upon the Town Treasurer for the payment of the appraised value.

At a town meeting of July 1, 1728, a committee appointed for the improvement of the town dock reported that the old building adjoining "to Mr. Dolbear's Shop as well as those on the south side of the dock be re-







paired at the charge of the town, or those that may hire them for a term of years not exceeding 21, as shall be found most for the benefit of the Town". The committee also recommended extending the wharf, filling up a portion of the dock, laying out a street thereon and also building "a rainge of low shops to be erected on the premises as persons shall appear to hire them".

At a meeting of the Selectmen of September 28, 1728, there is noted the lease of a tenement at the head of the dock to Jacob Wendell.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of February 26, 1729, there were noted the following leases of shops on Dock Square: Shop #6, fronting on Dock Square, bounded southerly on said Square; Westerly on Shop of Mr. Dyer; Northerly on Town Dock; Easterly on Shop of Mr. Casno (#7); lease of Shops 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

At a town meeting on March 12, 1732, it was reported that several old houses at Dock Square belonging to the town were in ruinous condition and not worth repairing, thereupon it was voted that they be demolished.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 19, 1739, there is a notation of the fact that a Jonathan Foster sometime ago had built a small shop upon the Platforme in Dock Square at his own expense, while the law suit was pending between the town and the heirs of James Everill and was now in possession, and desired to continue at such rent as the Selectmen shall judge, and accordingly, the Selectmen agreed to let the shop to him for one year commencing September 1st at a rental of 8 pounds per annum to be paid to the Town Treasurer (the location of the Platforme referred to appears on the 1738 Plan as just northerly of the market place and easterly of the small shops appearing on the south side of the town dock).







At a meeting of the Selectmen of June 13, 1739, a committee was appointed to settle the accounts with the town's tenants in Dock Square and to set the rents on each of the tenements when they are let or leased anew.

At a town meeting July 27, 1739, it was voted to authorize the Selectmen to advertise and grant new leases of the town's shops in Dock Square for a period not exceeding 7 years.

At a meeting of the Selectmen July 30, 1739, there was recorded a copy of an advertisement whereby the Selectmen offered to the public the rental of "sundry tenements belonging to the Towne of Boston situate in Docke Square".

At a meeting of the Selectmen of August 1, 1739, there is noted the fact that sundry persons in possession of the town shops on the dock were in arrears in rent that was due to the town and they were notified to pay the same to the Town Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of September 14, 1739, there is a notation of the rental of the town's Shop #4 in Dock Square for a term of 5 years.

At a meeting of the Selectmen October 31, 1739, there is a notation of the execution of a lease for a certain brick tenement in Dock Square, #2, for the term of 5 years.

At a town meeting March 10, 1745, a committee was appointed to view the wooden shops belonging to the town on the north side of Faneuil Hall Market and consider the repairs necessary, and thereafter, it was voted to repair the shops.

At a town meeting in 1749, it was voted to take over and pay 2160







pounds to Thomas Hubbard for the building erected by him on the dock at the expiration of his lease. Thereafter, the Selectmen at a meeting August 27, 1749, it was reported that they had agreed with Thomas Hubbard that he might have a lease for 15 years of the warehouse built by him at the head of the town dock, in lieu of payment for the building which he was to deliver up at the expiration of the extended lease.

At a town meeting in 1752, it was voted to pay off the heirs of John Dolbear for buildings which he had erected on the town lands at the head of the dock which was bounded Westerly on Dock Square 30 feet; Northerly on a shop called Dolbear's 19' 19"; then running at a angle into the dock on said Dolbear 13' 10", and from that angle upon the dock Southeasterly running 28 feet. At a subsequent meeting on June 29, 1752, the value set for this building was 200 pounds, for which payment was made.

It would appear from a petition made to the Selectmen at its meeting of December 28, 1743, that a request was made to erect a building at the head of the dock, 20 feet in front and 16 feet deep, which was described as a "stench hole and offensive to the town", and a further notation appears that the Selectmen were unable to comply with the proposal.

There is a notation in the Selectmens' minutes for a meeting of January 14, 1761, that Faneuil Hall and the shops on the north side of the dock were consumed by fire on January 13, 1761.

It is also noted in the Selectmens' minutes for March 25, 1761, a proposal to petition the Generall Court for authority to raise money by a lottery for the purpose of rebuilding a new market for Faneuil Hall.







VI.

Town's Exercise Of Ownership Over Streets

At a town meeting on the 18th day of the 10th month of 1634, there is noted the following:

"18th of the same moneth.  
Att a generall meeting upon publique notice.  
Imprimis, it is agreed that Mr. Winthrop, Mr.  
Coddington, Mr. Bellingham, Mr. Cotton, Mr.  
Ollyver, Mr. Colborne and Willm Balstone  
shall have power to devide and dispose of  
all such lands belonging to the towne (as  
are not yet in the lawful possession of any  
particular persons) to the inhabitants of  
the towne according to the Orders of the  
Court, leaving such portions in Common for  
the use of newe Commers, and the further  
benefitt of the towne, as in theire best  
discretions they shall thinke fitt; the  
Ilands hyred by the towne to be also in-  
cluded in this Order".

At a town meeting on the 4th day of the 11th month called January  
1635, there is noted the following:

"Item: It is agreed that every one shall  
have a sufficient way unto his allotment  
of ground, wherever it be, and that the  
Inhabitants of the towne shall have liber-  
tie to appoint men for the setting of them  
out, as need shall require, and the same  
course to be taken for all common high ways,  
both for the towne and countrie".

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 4th day of the 8th month  
October 1636, there is noted the following:

"It was agreed and ordered that from this  
day there shall noe house at all be built  
in this towne neere unto any of the streets  
or laynes therein, but with the advise and  
consent of the overseers of the townes oc-  
casions for the avoyding of disorderly build-  
ing to the inconvenience of streets and laynes,  
and for the more comely and Commodious order-







ing of them upon the forfeiture for every house built Contrarie to this order, of such some as the ouerseers shall see fitting, under the sume of xli".

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 25th of the 7th month of September 1637, there was a grant to William Hudson of "foote and a halfe to come into the streete way for the setting up of his new building towards the sea syde where he dwelleth".

In the record of the Selectmen for the 31st day of the 9th month 1649, which records the sale of the reversion of the dock to James Everill, there is also the following notation:

"It is ordered that all the land at the head of the Cove round aboute by John Glover's, George Burden's, Hugh Gunison's, Capt. Wm. Tinge's, Wm. Franklin's, Robert Nashe's, and eight foot to the eastward of it, is highway, and not to be accounted within the purchase of James Everill of his purchase of the Towne: As alsoe from the Eastward sid of the eight foot, and round about bye the Corner of Edward Bendall's Bricke howse, and soe by Samuell Col's howse, as alsoe to Edward Ting's wharfe, shall goe a High way of twentye foote in breadth".

There is also to be noted in the town meeting of the 10th of the first month 1651, that the spare highways at the ends of both the bridges over the Mill Streame were the Towne's property, and liberty was granted to the neighborhood to use them as a wharf for the public landing of goods.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the second of the second month 1658, there is recorded the following:

"Whereas severall parcells of the townes ground is taken up by sellar doores, which proove accomodable to many of the inhabitants, and in time by custome may bee claimed to bee propriety by the present or future possessors of such houses as enjoy that priviledg. Itt is therefore ordered that every person that hath or shall have a cellar doore into







any of the streets of the towne shall pay twelve pence every first of March to the Towne Treasurer, and in case of nonpayment the Treasurer of the Towne is impowered to leavy the same by distress.

Whereas Mr. Habacuck Glover hath sett up severall pillars upon the townes ground to support his house; Itt is ordered that the said Glover shall pay twelve pence for every such pillar so erected, every first of March to the Towne Treasurer".

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 29th of the fourth month 1667, James Everill was warned to take away the heaps of earth which he had laid upon the highways upon any part of the dock to be removed within 20 days upon penalty of 20 shillings.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 29th day of the second month of 1661, it was ordered that two feet of ground be allowed to Mr. Symon Lyndes land at the southeast end of his stone house by the dock and to run along even with the cellar door at the east end of his house "which land is allowed him in consideration of his taking in an old ware house into his yard whereby ye high way is enlarged".

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 24th of the fourth month 1667, it was voted that Capt. Walker's bench and fence "standinge 10 Inches into the Townes ground, hath libertye to stand during the Towne pleasure, payinge 6d. p. yeare to the towne Tresurer". Also, it is noted at that meeting that "Steuens Talbyes porch standing one the Towne ground 4 inches hath libertye to stand duringe the Towne pleasuer, paying 6d. p. annum to the Towne Tresuer".

At a meeting of the Selectmen on August 30th, 1680, it was ordered that a penalty be exacted of 20 shillings upon anyone who would take the liberty to make his cellar door or stairs "upon the towne's land in any of the streets thereof".







At a meeting of the Selectmen on May 5, 1681, it was noted that certain persons were fined 20 shillings "for causeinge ye Towne ground to be dig'd vp, without leaue, & Makeinge the wall of ye Cellar of ye Worpll Thomas Danfort Esq. Deputy Governor 9 inches throughout frontinge toward ye Docke, vpon the towne lands, & still stands vpon the Towne proprietie".

At a town meeting March 10, 1684, the following proposal was presented to the Selectmen:

"The proprietors of ye land where ye late fire made ruins on ye south side of ye Dockes mouth doe request yt you please to propose vnto the Towne, That ye regulateing ye high way leading from ye Docks mouth to Mr. Nowells cornr on ye East side of ye way may be left to the discretion of the Selectmen, that they may haue powre to make such agreemt with them, & lay out the said high way soe as may be most for the publique good of the Towne for the future, they beinge about to build with Bricke, & therefore it is hoped noe alteration will be made in many yeares; And in case they finde it needfull to lay any of the proprietors land to ye high way to inlarge it, that they may haue powre to make it vp to them by longer lease or otherwise as they see most convenient for the good of the Towne.  
Voted by the Towne in the affirmatiue ye 10th March 1683/84".

At a meeting of the Selectmen of April 21, 1685, it was ordered that whereas a Richard West had erected a shop "which stands about a Foote into the streete in ye Townes land, he remoue the sd Leanto further backe of the Towne Land accordinge to the line of the streets there layd out within one moneth after the date hereof upon the penalties of 20s."

At a town meeting of the inhabitants May 11, 1696, it was "Voted that the Selectmen prosecute those that have encroached or built on the







towns land or highways".

At a meeting of the Selectmen for May 27, 1684, there appears a notation, pursuant to the authority of the vote of the town meeting the 10th of March last, to regulate the highway before the warehouses burned down at the dock; that the Selectmen had agreed with Edward Sheppen that he should have and enjoy the reversion of his land forever after the expiration of his lease. (We place the Sheppen warehouse as one of the warehouses on the 1738 Plan just southerly of the Swing Bridge and on the westerly side of the market place).

Thereafter, at a meeting of the Selectmen on June 30, 1684, it is recorded that they then signed a deed to Mr. Edward Sheppen "for the reversion & inheritance of ye land in his possession with a proportionable pte of ye flates behinde it toward the sea he payeinge 15 shillings in mony yearlie for ever on ye 30 day of June by virtue of an Order made at a Publique meeting of ye inhabitants of this towne the 10th of March last".

At this same Selectmens' meeting, it is noted that whereas on January 26, 1679, the reversion of land in the possession of Eleacham Hutchinson near the dock was granted to him under which he was to pay the town 10 shillings yearly; that the Selectmen had agreed with Hutchinson by virtue of the March 10th last order, that in consideration of adding to the highway before his land next to the dock 8 foot in breadth and 38 foot in length, to lie as the highway forever, the annual rent of 10 shillings was abated or remitted to him and a new deed given to him of the same land.

At a town meeting in September 22, 1701, it was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to sign and affix names to the several streets and lanes in the town, and thereafter at a meeting of the Selectmen of May 3, 1708,







the streets, lanes and alleys of the town, as they were of that date, were named and bounded and recorded in the Town Book, a copy of the list of the names of streets so recorded is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "5".

At a town meeting July 1, 1728, a committee appointed for the improvement of the town dock reported a recommendation, in part, for the filling of the whole southern part of the dock "and a street of a suitable breadth be laid out from the head and westerly part of said wharf down eastward to the wharf now before said (Allin's) warehouse".

At a town meeting May 9, 1733, it was voted that in the vacant place at or near the town dock there be established one of the places for a market (we identify this vacant place as the part marked "Market Place" just southerly of the small shops on the south side of the town dock on the 1738 Plan).

Thereafter, at a town meeting on April 24, 1734, a market place was established on the town's ground or open space on the town dock or wharf commonly called Dock Square; 700 pounds was appropriated for the erection of this and two other market places in other parts of the town.

On March 10, 1734, the town meeting voted on the accounts for the building of the market house.

At a town meeting on July 14, 1740, a petition was presented that, whereas the market place on the town's ground on Dock Square was voted in 1734, and a convenient building was erected thereon; and that said building for some years past had been demolished and pulled down and the inhabitants have no certain place to meet; that Peter Faneuil had offered to erect a building for a market for the use and benefit of the town, provided the town would maintain it. The petition was then placed to a







vote, whether to accept the offer. The offer was finally accepted at a vote, yes 367, no 360.

At a town meeting March 9, 1761, it was voted that the Selectmen were empowered to take such steps as the law directs for widening the streets between Faneuil Hall Market and Bromfield's Warehouses, and Gibb's Stores. We identify this area as the street between the shops on the southern part of the town dock and just northerly of the Faneuil Hall Market. (By March 13, 1761, Faneuil Hall Market was destroyed by fire, leaving it doubtful whether this vote was ever carried into execution).

By a vote of the Selectmen at its meeting on July 27, 1764, it was determined by them "to keep open the passageway at the head of the dock and that said passageway shall be continued of the same width round the dock to a post parallel with the posts round the east end of the market".

The new Faneuil Hall Market to replace the one destroyed by fire was built in 1763 and was 80 feet in width, whereas the original Faneuil Hall was 40 feet in width. The 80 foot width considerably reduced the street between Faneuil Hall and the shops on the southern part of the dock to what was determined by this last vote of the Selectmen to become a passageway. We, therefore, identify the passageway referred to as the street running from the head of the dock or store occupied by Hubbard, running eastward towards the posts at the end of Faneuil Hall Market on the 1738 Plan.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on July 30, 1772, they voted that the passageway at the head of the town dock be widened to 25 feet and the northern corner "to flay off"; and at its meeting of November 4, 1772, a committee was appointed to repair the head of the dock and widen the passageway (we identify the passageway referred to which was widened to 25







feet as that passageway between the small shops and the Sun Tavern on the 1738 Plan).

## VII.

### Activity Concerning The Filling Up Of the Town Dock

#### A. FIRST FILLING OF TOWN DOCK 1728

At a town meeting July 1, 1728, a committee appointed at a previous meeting for improving the town dock, wharves and buildings made a report in which it recommended that the town wharf be continued and extended easterly to join the wharves before the warehouses in the possession of Allin's, Hough, Cushing, et als, viz: "on a line from the northeast corner of the present wharf to the north part of said Allin's Warehouse and so the whole southern part of the dock be filled up", and the Selectmen were empowered and directed to carry out the recommendations.

At a town meeting May 9, 1733, a committee was appointed to inquire into the town's rights in land of the dock and on trespasses thereon, and that a plan thereof be taken by a surveyor and the same be made a part of the records in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town's lands showing the annual rent or income yield at present, so that the Town may be certain of their rights and income (the only plan we were able to discover made by a surveyor is a 1738 Plan of James Blake which is entitled "A Plan of the Towne Docke formerly called Bendalle's Docke in Boston with the Buildings Round and Flats Before It"). This plan is marked Exhibit "6".

#### B. SECOND FILLING OF TOWN DOCK 1747

At a town meeting on September 1, 1747, it was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to fill up the head of the town dock from the corner of the town's wharf as far as the bend of Mr. Anstram's Wharf as soon as may be "provided it does not encroach upon the right or libertie of any private persons".







We also find of record a town meeting of May 10, 1757, which considered a petition by certain of the inhabitants to remove the shops on the north side of Faneuil Hall and to fill up the dock behind the shops. This petition was put to a vote and was voted in the negative, and thereupon, the meeting voted that a committee be appointed to inquire into the rights of the town to the dock, and thereafter, as appears by a record of a town meeting on August 1, 1757, the committee reported that the town has a good right in and unto said dock, and that abutters have a right of dockage, wharfage and moorage, so town has no right to fill up said docke and if the town has that right, they are of the opinion that it will not be for the interests of the town to fill it up. The meeting then accepted the report.

C. THIRD FILLING OF TOWN DOCK 1761

At a town meeting May 12, 1761, a report concerning the filling up of the dock was rendered which was as follows:

"The committee has conferred with abutters and are of opinion it will be to best interest of the towne to fill up the docke as far as a straight line to be run from the southwesterly corner of Mr. Joseph Tyler's shop to the opposite side which will end a few feet easterly of the Place where the Towne's Shops lately stood. We are also of opinion the Fish Market, the Engine and Watch Houses have best be removed to some more convenient places. And as to that part of the docke between said line and the swing bridge, we apprehend great cost will arise to the towne by filling up the same and its being left open will be of great service in case of fire".

The meeting then voted that the report be accepted and the Selectmen see that the same was carried into execution. (We identify on the 1738 Plan, Exhibit "3", that the easterly line of the dock filling would run on a line from Tyler's Shop which was between Ann Street and the wharf westerly of Swing Bridge Lane, and then would run straight across the







dock to meet a point on the platform, so-called, easterly of the small shops shown on the southerly part of the town dock. Easterly of that line to the Swing Bridge would represent the portion of the dock which was to be left open and not filled).

Thereafter, we find that the Selectmen on June 10, 1761, hired the carpenters to build the head, make drains and do all necessary work, in accordance with the vote of the town to fill up the dock.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of August 18, 1761, they considered a petition to further fill up the town dock and voted to make a survey of the land about the dock and "ascertain the bearings of the land with the common shore made in ye docke".

Thereafter, the records in the minutes of the Selectmen of July 7, 1762, in which they appointed a committee to get the top of the drain at the town dock covered over with clay, and that part of the dock near the reservoir filled up, and do all other things necessary to accomplish the filling. A committee was also appointed to direct the leveling of the ground near the dock and procure the necessary laborers and tools for accomplishing the job.

#### D. FOURTH FILLING OF TOWN DOCK

1783

At a town meeting August 20, 1770, a petition was filed by the inhabitants of the town stating that the passageway leading from the north part of Faneuil Hall Market into Ann Street and Union Street was so narrow as to be obstructed by carts, etc., and praying that the passageway be widened and enlarged either by filling up the southwest part of the town dock or in such other manner as seems meet. This petition was passed in the affirmative, and then the town meeting voted that the Selectmen be







empowered to fill up the dock from the southeast corner of the town's land to the warehouse occupied by the heirs of the late John Fairweather on a straight line to the northwest corner opposite Joseph Tyler's shop (without obstructing the several drains for accomodation of Faneuil Hall Market) reserving to the town their right of shutting up the said ways when they should judge it convenient.

However, at the town meeting of September 20, 1770, it was voted that making the passageway would result in much greater expense to the town than if the whole dock was filled up, and consequently, it was voted that a committee be appointed to inquire into the titles to the dock and report to the town.

At a town meeting May 6, 1783, it was reported that the "committee for filling docke desired to proceed in that business and in making the head and carrying out the drains which run into the docke in order for filling up the same at best terms that may be and expenses paid out of next townes tax".

Thereafter, as appears by notations in the minutes of the town meeting of May 14, 1784, the Town Treasurer's accounts showed payments for the expense of filling up the dock and also a copy of an answer to a petition filed with the town meeting minutes of January 18, 1785, that the town had gone to the expense of at least 2000 pounds in filling up the dock.

#### VIII.

##### Litigation Involving Ownership of Town Dock Area

In the previous sections of this report, we have traced through the town records of the meetings of the inhabitants and of the Selectmen, the granting of leases and reversionary interests in the area which originally composed Bendall's Cove, and the documentation by recorded instruments of







such of the leases and deeds as were found of record in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

It must be taken for granted as was stated in some of the decisions of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, that the early records of the colonists representing conveyances, deeds, leases and other interests in real property were not always placed on record, so as to afford a complete chain of title from early colonial days to date. However, we believe that the historical documentation which we have so carefully noted in this report furnishes sufficient, substantial background for the conclusions which we shall hereinafter set forth.

In the previous section, there was related the votes of the town meetings and the action of the Selectmen in filling up the town dock, from the first partial filling in 1728, down to the time of the filling which occurred in 1784. Having in mind that the original lease for the Bendall's Cove occurred as early as 1641, it is not without surprise that claimants to the town dock area should appear with their claims when the town dock was filled almost a 100 years or more later, particularly where the claimants had used the dock for dockage, wharfage and moorage for so many years prior thereto without molestation, that they should feel that they had acquired an incontestable right to some propriety in the town dock.

However, the town fathers were not so ready to accept the claims of adverse property interests in the town dock and resorted to both criminal prosecution and civil litigation to sustain the rights of the town.

At a town meeting of June 11, 1729 (a time when the period of the







original lease to Valentine Hill and others had expired) it voted to direct the Selectmen "to prosecute in law all such persons as shall be found trespasses on the town land claimed by the late Eliakim Huchinson, deceased".

We then note at the town meeting of May 5, 1731, a notation to the effect that "the time by law for bringing forward action of Review for recovery of possession of a warehouse claimed by the Heirs of Eliakim Huchinson, deceased, will expire August next". Later, at a town meeting of June 26th of 1733, a committee is designated to negotiate with a Mr. Palmer and a Mr. Gibbs relating to their claims in Dock Square.

Then, by the town meeting of May 9, 1733, we find a vote "to make application to the Generall Court for leave to bring forward a Writ of Review in order for recovering possession of land and warehouse on the docke now in the possession of Thomas Palmer in behalf of the heirs of Eliakim Huchinson".

Finally, at a town meeting of July 31, 1734, on a memorial of Thomas Palmer and Henry Gibbs, it was voted "that memorial be dismissed for they are of the opinion the lands and wharfs mentioned therein belong to the towne already". As we find no further record of the Huchinson claim in the town meetings or Selectmens' records, and inasmuch as Palmer resorted to a discretionary memorial to the town which the town dismissed, we must conclude that any claims of the Huchinson heirs were disposed of in favor of the town.

On March 15, 1733, the town meeting voted to prosecute Henry Gibbs for a piece of land on Dock Square formerly called Henry Webb's Wharf.







With respect to the litigation involving Henry Gibbs, we find in the Selectmens' records for March 30, 1733, votes to prosecute Henry Gibbs with relation to the piece of wharf and the frame erected by him on the town's land at Dock Square, and a further notation that the encroachments were taken down.

The more serious problem with respect to the claims of property in the dock arose when the heirs of James Everill came forward with their claims to title in the dock itself. As we previously set out, the reversionary interest in the town dock after the expiration of the period of the original lease to Valentine Hill et als, was conveyed by a recorded instrument in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds to James Everill, upon payment by him of a certain sum yearly to the use of the free school in the Towne of Boston.

Having in mind the looseness of the conveyancing methods of the colonists in the early days, we must construe the so-called deed of reversion as not being strictly a deed in fee simple, but rather in the light of a continuation of the lease after the expiration of the Valentine Hill lease for such period of time as the grantee, his heirs or assigns should continue to pay the annual sum to the Town Treasurer for the use of the free school in the Towne of Boston. Consequently, in the event there should be failure of payment of the annual sum by the grantee, his heirs or assigns, the subject matter of the reversion would revert back to the town either by further legal action or by reverter, without any further action.

(a) In the minutes of the town meeting of June 26, 1733, there appears the first reference to the claim of the Everill heirs to the dock.







(b) The next record we find concerning the claims of James Everill's heirs is the town meeting of March 8, 1735, in which the Selectmen voted to bring forward Writs of Review in actions relating to the town dock in cases between the Towne of Boston and James Everill's heirs.

(c) With the large number of claims being made the town meeting at that time then voted that a committee be appointed to take depositions of persons to perpetuate their testimony relating to the town's title to the dock.

(d) At a town meeting of November 21, 1738, it was "voted to petition the Generall Court to bring forward at the Superior Court in Boston an action of Review against the heirs of James Everill for reversing a judgment obtained at said Superior Court against the town for part of a parcel of land and shop thereon now in the possession of John and Richard Billings. The time for said action at law having elapsed". (This reference in the town records would seem to indicate that the original action resulted in a favorable finding for the heirs of James Everill and that the town was seeking to have the case reheard on appeal. We find at many meetings of the Selectmen notations to the effect that three judges heard the case on appeal; that there was a mistrial of the suit because of the conduct of one jurymen being separated from the other jurors; that Everill's heirs filed motions for change of venue outside of Boston; and that thereafter, a special verdict was entered and upon retrial, the case finally resulted in judgment in favor of the town).







(e) At a meeting of the Selectmen April 4, 1739, two of their number were appointed to go to the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court "to get the bill of costs taxed, on the causes, lately tried at the Superior Court, between the Towne of Boston and James Everill's heirs and take out Writs of Execution for possession of the premises recovered by the town". There is then entered in the Selectmens' minutes for June 7, 1739, a notation that the Selectmen took possession of the shops, etc., on the dock.

It would seem that after the favorable decision for the town against the heirs of James Everill, the heirs took an appeal directly to the Crown in London, for in the Selectmens' minutes of August 26, 1747, a copy of a letter appears which they had addressed to the agents representing the town in London, with regard to the controversy between the town and Everill's heirs "before his Majesty in Counsel". The letter in part contained the following language: "Controversy was determined in favor of towne by the Lords of the Committee and that their judgment has put an end to that dispute". The Selectmen then stated that they would like to have a copy of the facts or the points "that their Lordships gave their judgment".

With this decision whatever rights Everill's heirs may have acquired through the reversionary deed to James Everill, they no longer were effectual to bar the claim of the town to ownership in the dock.

In this connection, it appears that in 1775 the town was in doubt as to the exact ownership and title of the dock area and referred the matter to a committee for the purpose of making a study into the rights of the town, and in the minutes of the town meeting of February 1, 1775, there







appears a lengthy report on the subject matter, in which it was reported as follows:

"Committee are of a opinion that the towne have an undoubted right to said docke, and may fill it up, or improve the same as they would judge proper, so far as to meet the Slip that entered into said docke just above the bridge; and if the same is filled up the Committee proposed to the towne, that a Passage may be laid out of such a Wedth as will be most convenient for Carts, Trucks & other Carriages, beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Docke and running upon a Line nearly Strait between the Dwelling House of the late Thomas Tyler, Esqr. & the Warehouse of John Boreland, Esq.....The Committee would mention to the Town, that the Heirs of the late Dr. Willm Davis claim a Right to the Dockage, Wharffage & Morage of such Vessels as can lay in that Part of the Dock that is before the Warehouses of the late John Fayerweather, Esq; but the same not appearing Clear to the Committee, they only say upon it, that when it shall appear they have such Right, an adequate Consideration should be made them, & which the Towme will undoubtedly make to them -".

A copy of the foregoing town meeting vote is hereto attached marked Exhibit "7". (The warehouses of John Fairweather are directly south of the Swing Bridge appearing on Blake Plan of 1738, Exhibit "3").

In addition, when the town finally came to fill the dock in 1783, abutters on the town dock were making claims against the town for damages arising from the filling of the dock. Thereupon, a committee was appointed to look into the claims and make a report to the town meeting. At a later meeting of the town on June 3rd, 1783, the Committee reported as follows:

"That the Claimes of said Abutters, as well as the Claimes of The Town in and to the Dock are exceeding numerous Ancient and perplexed, and that the Committee have great reason to Suppose there is a very considerable Number of Deeds and Papers touching the Claimes aforesaid which have not yet been exhibited.

That if the Committee could gain possession of all the Papers, of every kind relating to said Claims it would even in that Case require such a length of Time to Obtain a final and determined Opinion touching the Nature and quantity of right of different







Claimants as would have the Speedy purpose for which the Committee was chosen unanswered.

Besides your Committee would be cautious how they decide upon the right of any Person who denies all Authority to determin in such case, but the Authority of a Court Law.

Upon the whole the Committee having considered the long uninterrupted possession of the Abutters and their Predecissors, and having looked into a large number of Deeds and Town Records are of Opinion, that the Town has little more than a right in common to that part of the Dock meant to be filled up, and that it is most convenient in the choice of difficulties to make some composition with the Abutters and to make them some Offer for a release of their right be that more or less".

Thereafter, it appears that the Committee were unable to reach agreement with the abutters for the amounts of compensation for their claims, and at the town meeting of September 3, 1783, voted to empower the Selectmen to agree with the abutters on arbitrators to arbitrate the claims "with full power to determine the Right, Title, Privilege and Claim of the said Abutters to the Town Dock as filled up and to determine and agree upon such sum or sums of money as they shall think an Adequate Compensation to such Abutters for the filling up said Dock if they have any Title or Privilege thereto".

At the Selectmens' meeting of June 2, 1784, there appears in the minutes that "Mr. Davis & others have agreed with the Selectmen (three named persons) shall settle claim for their right in the Town Dock which has been filled up agreeable to a vote of the Town".

From the foregoing, it would appear that even if the title of the town to the area of the dock that was filled was in any doubt, it was finally settled after the filling up of the dock by arbitration with all adverse claimants to rights in the dock, thereby confirming in the town a complete and unchallenged title to the filled dock area.







## IX.

### Area Adjoining Dock Square In Project Area Between Northerly Side of Faneuil Hall and Northerly Side of North Street

We have covered the early history of the dock area in proximity to North Street, and although it does not come within the confines of Dock Square, we believe that this report should contain the results of our investigation covering the early history of that area, also.

Our investigation shows, as we have hereinbefore reported, that the area occupied by the town dock was the property of the Town of Boston, or had become so without further adverse claims due to settlements made by the town, after the filling of the dock, with all claimants.

For a better understanding of the area involved, we must make comparisons of the town dock and the adjoining streets and upland, as they appear in such Plans as we have been able to discover. The first Plan was the Bonner Plan of 1722 (Exhibit #4) which shows the head of the dock into Dock Square and a triangular formation of houses on the northwest side of the dock near Union Street and Dock Square; three parcels divided by passageways between Ann Street and the town dock; some buildings just southerly of the town dock; some buildings to the east of the Corn Market; and a bridge over the dock just southerly of which is a wharf marked Wodmansey's Wharf.

The next plan in point of time is the James Blake Plan of 1738 (Exhibit #3) which shows Dock Square to the left of a formation of shops which are just south of the dock; south of the shops there is a market place; to the west of the market place appear to be some houses or warehouses; the Swing Bridge with a long Slip from the mouth of the dock, with the so-called Swing







Bridge between the Slip and the dock; and Woodmansey's Wharf on the southerly side of the Slip. The three parcels southerly of Ann Street border upon the wharf. They are separated by three lanes, other than the lane at the head of the wharf. The town dock has a peculiar formation, in that it has a very wide portion at the head facing towards Union Street, while the balance of the dock is bordered by the wharf on the north and the shops on the south. The 1738 Plan is useful for the purpose of giving us the names of occupants and approximate contours of Dock Square, the dock and the bordering area, but is not reliable for the purpose of measuring accurate distances.

The next plan is that of Hale made in 1804, or thereabouts, a copy of which is annexed hereto marked Exhibit "8", which appears to be quite accurate in giving distances and in placing the various monuments to which we have reference to in this report.

The Market House appearing in the Hale Plan is that of the present Faneuil Hall, and a 34 foot section to the west which probably was a canopy over stalls on the westerly side thereof. The vegetable market on the plan has disappeared from subsequent plans, while the three parcels of upland just southerly of Ann Street appear in subsequent plans and their contours and measurements, as shown on the Hale Plan, are extremely helpful in corroborating our findings as to the title to this area. It is also to be noted that the large formation just southerly of Union Street, southwesterly of Elm Street and westerly of the Market House on the Hale Plan, corresponds closely to the more recent plans for that area in Dock Square, and that the whole area of the town dock had been all filled easterly of Merchants Row, while the town dock was then located northerly of Codman's Wharf and just easterly of Merchants Row.







The next plan in point of time which we wish to call attention to is part of a map made by Walling dated 1852, which is hereto attached as Exhibit "9". This plan shows the buildings just to the west of Faneuil Hall and just southerly of Union Street, and the three parcels of land bordering on North Market Street, and southerly of Ann Street. By this time, the dock had been filled in and another market house had been erected called "Faneuil Hall Market" just easterly of Faneuil Hall.

In the progression of events affecting Dock Square, we have a plan of the widening of Dock Square, Faneuil Hall Square and Union Street dated July 29, 1925, by William J. Sullivan, Chief Engineer, of the Street Laying-Out Department of the City of Boston, a copy of which is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "10". Faneuil Hall is shown, of course, in the same position it has occupied since it was erected in 1763, and the formation of buildings in Dock Square just southerly of Union Street and westerly of Faneuil Hall, appears to be part of the taking for the widening of Dock Square together with a number of other parcels which affect Dock Square and Faneuil Hall Square. The portion just northerly of Faneuil Hall and southerly of North Street now included within the project area was part of the taking in 1925, and subsequently as a result of a taking for the widening of North Street in conjunction with the building of the Sumner Tunnel.

As we have shown previously, the Town of Boston was undeniably the owner of the area encompassed within the original town dock. After the first filling of the dock was made, the filled area between Faneuil Hall and the upland on Ann Street became Market Square, and definitely was the property of the town. About 1824, the City of Boston laid out North Market







Street which occupied that portion of the town dock just southerly of the upland property on Ann Street. Thereafter, the town commencing in 1824, sold the land between the northerly side of North Market Street and the Capsill of the wharf which had been located on the northerly side of the dock to private individuals. A deed of the City of Boston to Samuel Hammond, dated and recorded September 29, 1824 in Book 293, Page 178, of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds conveyed the following:

"Southerly by a new street about to be laid out to run Easterly and Westerly by the north side of a new market house to be erected as laid down in the plan drawn by Alexander Parris, there measuring 50 feet; Easterly by a passageway of not less than 13 feet in width which is to run between these premises and the westerly line of lot #3 on said plan, there measuring 30 feet; Northerly by other land of the said Hammond, there measuring 53 feet; and Westerly by other land of said city, there measuring 30 feet".

In 1825, the City of Boston also sold to Samuel Hammond other land consisting of about four parcels, one of which bordered on Ann Street, two smaller parcels which bordered on North Market Street, and a fourth parcel which consisted of the area formerly called Conduit Alley, an Alley which ran from Ann Street to the dock. These four parcels are depicted on a plan dated May 1825, drawn by S. P. Fuller, Surveyor, and which is recorded in Book 301, Page 97 of the Suffolk Registry of Deeds, a copy of which is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "11". It is to be noted that Roe Buck Alley appears on that plan leading from North Market Street to Ann Street, and thereon shown as running just easterly of the Samuel Hammond land.







On April 3, 1826, the City of Boston conveyed to Nathaniel Faxon a parcel of land described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on North Market Street, 108 feet distant from the southwest corner of John Bellows' warehouse and running westerly by North Market Street, 26' 2" to a line drawn in continuation of the east side of a passageway from Market Square, so-called, to Ann Street between the estates of said Nathaniel Faxon and Amasa Stetson; then turning and running north or northerly to the edge or Capsill of the wharf or abutment anciently built out into the Town Dock, in front of said Faxon's estate, wheresoever the same may be; then turning and running easterly by the edge of said wharf or abutment about 24 feet, more or less, to land sold by the city to Samuel Hammond by deed dated the 9th of June A.D. 1825, and then turning and running southerly by said Hammond's land to the point of beginning on North Market Street".

This deed also contains what purports to be a second parcel, but is actually the first parcel, except that the description commences at Faxon's warehouse rather than a distance from John Bellow's warehouse on North Market Street. This deed also conveys the following:

"Together with the use of a strip of land adjoining the aforesaid premises westerly as and for a passageway in common with the inhabitants of the said city of the same width as the passageway between said Faxon and Stetson's estates, to wit: 8 feet and three inches, reserving to the city the right of closing up said passageway whenever the proprietors of the passageway between said Faxon and Stetson's estates shall close up the same....."

A copy of this deed is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "12".

The parcel of land and the passageway rights conveyed to Faxon appear on a plan which is recorded in Book 308, Page 225, and is annexed hereto marked Exhibit "13".

The street marked "Street 35 feet wide" just to the west of Bellow's warehouse is the Roe Buck passageway which became part of Merchants Row.







The passageway to which rights were granted to Faxon is shown as Bendall's Lane on the 1925 Plan of Dock Square (Exhibit #10).

When we examine the Bonner Plan, the Blake Plan and the Walling Plan, we identify the three streets or passageways on the Plans leading from Ann Street to the Dock, from west to east, as Roe Buck Lane, which was Swing Bridge Lane on the Blake Plan and became part of Merchant's Row; as Conduit Alley which was absorbed in the deed to Samuel Hammond in 1825; and the 8 foot passageway, which was part of the deed to Faxon from the City of Boston lying between the estates of Faxon and of Amasa Stetson (later called Bendall's Lane).

It is our opinion that these deeds to Hammond and Faxon from the City of Boston confirm our conclusion that the City of Boston was the owner of the land filled in on the dock, which was just southerly of the Capsill of the wharf and of Ann Street.

Although the wharf and dock were in the area just southerly of North Street and northerly of Faneuil Hall, as appearing on the Plan of Dock Square July 29, 1925 (Exhibit #10), the prior owners challenged the title of the city to that particular area. The parcel marked Annie T. Tarbell et al, just westerly of Bendall's Lane on the 1925 Plan had its origin, in part, in a deed from Seth Thayer to Amasa Stetson dated August 1, 1798 and recorded on August 17, 1798 in Book 190, Page 130 in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds. The description of the parcel given in the deed is as follows:

"Northerly on Ann Street, there measuring 20' 6";  
Easterly on a passageway, there measuring 41 feet;  
Southerly on Market Square, there measuring 21 feet;  
and Westerly on land late of one Stoddard, there measuring 41 feet, be the same more or less or however otherwise butted or bounded".







The bounds of this parcel, in part, would be represented on Hale's Plan of Dock Square and Market Square with its southerly bound bordering on the area of the dock which was filled in just southerly of the described parcel, and which became and was then called Market Square. The filled in portion of Market Square, as we have already seen in the deed to Faxon, was the area southerly of the Capsill of the wharf fronting on the dock which existed prior to the filling.

Thereafter, one Amasa Stetson undertook to prove a claim to the filled in area of the dock just southerly of his warehouse (which by the deed to him in 1798, was only for a distance of 41 feet southerly of Ann Street and bounded by Market Square) and to bolster his claim took depositions to perpetuate testimony to prove his title to the dock. Typical of the depositions was that of William Pierce, age between 89 and 90 years, given in 1832 and recorded in Book 387, Page 61 of Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, a copy of which is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "14".

William Pierce, in his deposition, estimated the distance from the southerly door of the building of the Pitts estate (the parcel which is directly westerly of the Tarbell parcel and is marked Fannie P. Friedrich et al on the 1825 Plan of Dock Square) was 18 feet to the Capsill of the wharf and Pitts "claimed to own the wharf southerly of their buildings to the dock and also half way across the dock and their tenants used to take wharfage for the use of the wharf and dockage of the boats that lay on the north of the center of the dock opposite the Pitts Estate, the dock was about 40 feet wide and the tenants of Pitts used to take dockage for about 20 feet or one-half of it.....".

The deposition also stated "every owner on Ann Street of the estates







I have described, claimed to own and did occupy the piece of the wharf to the dock, and one-half of the dock opposite to their respective estates, as did also the adjacent owners on Ann Street"; that the wharf was repaired and were made by agreement of all the owners and each paid in proportion to the extent of his wharf; that the town dock was filled up in 1761; that the Market House that was burned in 1761 and the town dock were filled up and finished in about 1763; that afterwards by vote of the town, the town dock was filled up to the Roe Buck passageway (which later became part of Merchants Row); that the first part of the dock so filled up constitutes a part of what was called Market Square, which after the first filling of the town dock, was surrounded by a rail fence and from that fence to the southerly side of Pitts door was about 18 feet; that the southerly side of the town dock belonged to the town, where there were a number of stores which stood on piles over the southerly one-half of the dock extending northerly to the center of the dock, while the southerly side of the stores rested on the Capsill of the wharf on the southerly side of the dock, and that the stores were burned with Faneuil Hall in 1761.

As we have shown by the town records and recorded instruments in the Registry of Deeds, the town dock at least southerly of the Capsill of the wharf, as appearing on the Blake Plan of 1738 (Exhibit #3) was the property of the town, and the deposition with respect to the claim of ownership of the dock by the abutters on Ann Street is purely hearsay and an attempt to secure title through an ingenious and circuitous method.

As we have shown previously with respect to the parcels contiguous to the Stetson parcel, the owners thereof, Samuel Hammond and Nathaniel







Faxon, acknowledged the ownership in the city by purchasing the city's interest in the dock area after it was filled in between the Capsill of the wharf and what was then called North Market Street.

Thereafter, in 1839, Amasa Stetson apparently wanted to build over the former dock area just southerly of his warehouse on the westerly side of Bendall's Lane, and being a little unsure of his title, entered into arbitration proceedings with the city for the purpose of determining the title to the disputed area. After an arrangement was made between them, it was agreed that the city should execute and deliver a deed of release with warranty covenants "in order that the said Stetson, his heirs and assigns may be fully protected in building upon and in the enjoyment of the said last named land without fear of hindrance or molestation". The parcel was described as "lying in front of said warehouse and between that and the said northerly line of North Market Street".

There was then described the passageway of 8 feet 3 inches wide between North Market Street and the westerly corner of the warehouse of Nathaniel Faxon. This would represent approximately the southerly half of what later came to be called Bendall's Lane on the 1825 Plan. This deed was dated January 22, 1839 and recorded January 28, 1839 in Book 440, Page 49.

Also conveyed to Amasa Stetson et als by the City of Boston, as a result of arrangements between the parties for adjustment of claims between them, was the parcel described as follows:

"By a line drawn southwardly from the middle and in continuation of the partition wall dividing said warehouse from the warehouse of said Stetson lying eastwardly to the said street; thence by said street till it arrives at a point opposite to the







middle of the partition wall dividing the warehouse of the grantees from that now or late of said Pitts; thence to the middle of the last named partition wall; and thence by the front of said warehouse to the place of beginning".

This conveyance was dated September 14, 1838 and recorded January 28, 1839 in Book 440, Page 50, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "15".

In view of the fact that on the 1925 Plan of Dock Square the area just westerly of the passageway called Bendall's Lane is about 75 feet, while the distance on the passageway is a little over 40 feet, the difference between the 40 feet and 75 feet is made up of the dock area, which we have just reported on in the name of Amasa Stetson.

Similarly, the owners of the parcel next westerly of the Tarbell parcel (which at one time was owned by Pitts) acquired title to the dock area between Market Square and the new line of North Market Street by a deed from the city dated October 18, 1839 and recorded on October 21, 1839 in Book 449, Page 252. This parcel is described as follows:

"All the land lying between the Southeasterly side of a brick warehouse belonging to the releasees and the present line of North Market Street bounded Northwesterly on said store there measuring 24 feet 6 inches; Southwesterly on land claimed by Daniel Greenleaf about 12 feet; Southeasterly on the present line of North Market Street about 25 feet 2 inches; Northeasterly on land of Amasa Stetson about 18 feet 6 inches".







X.

History Of Title To That Portion Of Dock Square Formerly  
Consisting Of Island Just Southerly Of Union Street On  
1925 Plan (Exhibit #10)

In prior sections of this report we reported that title to the dock area was in the Town of Boston and to confirm the same, we will now report on that portion of the dock which appears just westerly and southerly of the head of the dock as it appears on the Blake Plan of 1837 as related to the Island, so-called, in the 1925 Plan of Dock Square.

It would appear from an examination of the town records that the southerly and westerly portions of the Island were part of the original dock area, while the northwesterly portion thereof was upland owned by abutters upon the dock. This was confirmed when we traced the ownership to these parcels situated in the Island and discovered various deeds of the town conveying out the parcels, formerly part of the dock owned by it.

The sale of these parcels came about in a most interesting manner. Sometime after the joining of the 13 colonies into a nation and the Massachusetts Colony becoming a state, the Town of Boston voted at a town meeting to appropriate some of the town's land for the purpose of the erection of a State House. Thereafter, it was reported that the most appropriate land was that of Governor Hancock's pasture land opposite the Common, then owned by Hancock's heirs. Thereupon, at the town meeting of May 13, 1795, the town voted to buy Governor Hancock's pasture land opposite the Common for 4000 pounds for a new State House, and upon acquiring title thereto, the town should give a deed in fee of the premises to the Commonwealth, and to defray its cost the Selectmen were empowered to borrow money from the Massachusetts and Union Banks for 1000 pounds, and to give promissory







notes of 3, 6 and 9 months maturity for the remainder of the purchase price.

Thereafter, at a town meeting of May 25, 1795 a committee recommended the "sale of estate at Dock Square occupied by William Dawes, Robert Crocker and Eliakim Morse.....be sold at auction for purpose of taking up the notes given by the committee for the purchase money to the late Governor Hancock's heirs". The minutes also stated that the Selectmen should sell the property at auction, use the proceeds to pay the notes, and turn over any residue to the town treasury.

As a result thereof, we find the following deeds given by the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston:

In 1795, the town sold at auction the brick building at Dock Square now in occupation of William Dawes to Isaac Story described as follows:

"Westerly on Dock Square, 22 feet, more or less; Northerly on land of the Inhabitants of Boston, 40 feet, more or less; Easterly on land of the Inhabitants of Boston, 22 feet, more or less; and Southerly on the street, 40 feet, more or less".

This deed is recorded in Book 181, Page 16.

A deed from the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to Joseph Scott, Jr., conveying the building now in occupation of Eliakim Morse, described as follows:

"Southerly partly on a store lately in occupation of Robert Crocker now sold to John Brazier, and partly on land of the town, 26 feet seven inches; Westerly on Dock Square, 28 feet 6 inches; Northerly on land of Store late of the heirs of Benjamin Dolbeare, deceased, and Easterly on land of the town, 19 feet 2 inches".







This deed is recorded in Book 181, Page 71.

A deed from the Inhabitants of Boston to John Brazier of the land and building in Dock Square, late in occupation of Robert Crocker and described as follows:

"Southerly on land and building late in occupation of William Dawes now sold to Isaac Story, 16 feet 6 inches; Westerly on Dock Square, 16 feet 6 inches; Northerly on land and building occupied by Eliakim Morse now sold to Joseph Scott, Jr., 18 feet 10 inches; Easterly on land of said inhabitants, 17 feet 8 inches, more or less".

This deed is recorded in Book 181, Page 141.

Later, by deed dated November 9, 1812, the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston conveyed to John Odin "that small lot of land in the rear of his warehouse through which the common sewer passes, bounded and measuring as follows:

"25 feet 2 inches upon land and building of said John Odin; 18 feet by land and building of John Brazier; 24 feet 6 inches by land and building of Isaac Story; and 19 feet 4 inches by land of said Town of Boston".

At a meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston on June 28, 1852, it was voted to sell by auction the property at 5 Dock Square formerly the Engine House, now in disrepair and leased to George C. Varney. Thereafter, by a deed of the City of Boston, dated December 18, 1852, recorded February 1, 1853 in Book 642, Page 121, the City of Boston sold to Henry Whitwell, Trustee, two parcels of land, one of which was in the southeasterly corner of the Island bounded on Dock and Market Squares containing 391 square feet, and the other parcel just northerly of the first parcel which was bounded on Market Square and contained 436 square feet. A copy of the plan covering the southern half of







the Island is recorded with the last named instrument in Book 642, Page 123, and is a Plan of Alexander Wadsworth, Surveyor, dated January 19, 1853, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "15A". In connection with the deeds of the last named two parcels, the city by a vote of the Board of Aldermen of December 27, 1852, discontinued as a public street 14.25 square feet, bounded on Dock and Market Squares and consisted of a small triangle at the southeasterly portion of the Island.

The northwesterly part of the Island is shown to be upland, having one of its bounds on the dock which was conveyed out as private property, not that of the town, as early as December 5, 1717, as appears by a division of the property made between John Dolbeare and Jonathan Jackson and recorded July 30, 1766 in Book 301, Page 46½, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "16".

The Island, so-called, on the 1925 Plan was taken by eminent domain for the purposes of widening Dock Square, which we shall discuss in the next section of this report.

## XI.

### Takings in 1925 For Widening of Dock Square

On November 24, 1925, as a result of an order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston for the purpose for a public improvement (consisting of the widening and construction of Dock Square, Faneuil Hall Square and adjacent streets) a taking by eminent domain was recorded in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds on December 22, 1925 in Book 4751, Page 361, a copy of which is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "17". The taking was shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Dock Square, Faneuil Hall







Square, Union Street, Boston Proper, July 29, 1925, Wm. J. Sullivan, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department", deposited in the office of the Street Laying-Out Department for the City of Boston (Exhibit #10).

The taking contains the following language: "For the making of the aforesaid improvement an easement for street purposes is taken on the following described land....."

All of the parcels contained in the so-called Island reported on in the last preceding section hereof were included within the taking.

Thereafter, the following two parcels in the Island, which originated as upland, were conveyed to the City of Boston in fee simple, namely, a deed from Bentley Warren, Trustee, dated April 5, 1926, recorded in Book 4777, Page 182, containing 1039 square feet, and a deed from Moses Shapiro to the City of Boston, dated December 29, 1925, recorded in Book 4753, Page 107, and containing 1097 square feet.

However, the other parcels in the Island which formerly were part of the dock, of 478, 923 and 1560 square feet, were granted without covenants by August Hemenway et als, Trustees, to the City of Boston on February 5, 1926, and recorded in Book 4762, Page 246, and the deed stated that "premises are to be used for purposes of a public street". This deed, therefore, was a conveyance only of an easement.

The 682 square foot parcel on the southerly side of Faneuil Hall Square and the easterly side of Change Avenue, was conveyed in fee to the City of Boston by the President and Fellows of Harvard College, by deed dated February 16, 1926, recorded February 18, 1926 in Book 4764, Page 590.







The two parcels of 688 square feet and 687 square feet on the southerly side of Faneuil Hall Square and to the west of Change Avenue, were conveyed to the City of Boston in fee by the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, by deed dated January 25, 1926, recorded January 26, 1926 in Book 4759, Page 536.

The parcel of 3809 square feet on the southerly side of Dock Square, just south of the Island, was conveyed to the City of Boston in fee by the Federal Development Company, by deed dated and recorded December 23, 1925 in Book 4751, Page 591.

The parcel of 793 square feet on the southerly side of Dock Square was conveyed to the City of Boston in fee by William J. Stober, by deed dated and recorded January 4, 1926 in Book 4754, Page 29, a copy of which deed is hereto annexed marked Exhibit "18".

A parcel of 16 square feet in the northerly part of Dock Square opposite the Island (which lies to its east) was conveyed to the City of Boston by Horace D. Chapin et als, Executors under the Will of Lawrence Carteret Fenno, by deed dated February 12, 1930, and recorded February 13, 1930 in Book 5164, Page 613. The deed in its habendum states as follows: "To the City of Boston, its successors and assigns forever". In addition thereto, there appears a clause in the deed that the granted premises were taken under resolve and order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston to widen Faneuil Hall Square, Dock Square and Union Street, passed December 22, 1925 "and are to be used for the purposes of a public street of said City of Boston....." In our opinion, this deed would convey the fee to the parcel to the City







of Boston, irrespective of the fact that a subsequent clause of the deed states the purpose for which the land is to be used, as the habendum would be controlling, particularly in view of the fact that by virtue of the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 183, Section 13, a deed of real estate is to be construed to convey an estate in fee simple "unless a different intention clearly appears in the deed". Furthermore, there is no clearly expressed intention of the grantor that the deed should operate other than as stated in the habendum, namely, that the city was to have the parcel of land forever.

The following parcels in the 1925 taking were not conveyed by deed to the City of Boston, namely, parcel of 741 square feet on the southerly side of Dock Square and on the east side of Exchange Street taken in the name of Anna M. Barry; parcels of 1386 square feet, 555 square feet, and 215 square feet on the northerly side of Dock Square adjoining Adams Square taken in the name of Herbert M. Sears et als, Trustees; parcel of 1448 square feet on easterly side of Union Street taken in the name of Boston Real Estate Trust; and parcel of 968 square feet southerly of North Street and easterly of Elm Street taken in the name of the heirs of James D. Casey. The 1925 Taking expressly states: "an easement for street purposes is taken in the following described land".

With respect to the 741 square foot parcel taken in the name of Anna M. Barry, we find that subsequently, on or about June 28, 1929, by an order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston to widen Exchange Street, the greater part of the balance of the parcel of Anna M. Barry which bounded on Dock Square (after the taking to







widen Dock Square in 1925) was taken by the City of Boston, as appears on the Plan attached hereto, showing Base Lines of Exchange Street (Exhibit #19) and the then owners of such parcel conveyed the same in fee to the City of Boston. The description in the deed bounded it "Northerly by Dock Square, as shown on Plan hereafter mentioned, 34.01 feet". In view of the fact, that the Courts in Massachusetts have established the rule that a deed bounding on or by a way would convey the ownership in the land of the grantor which bounded on the way unless a contrary intention was clearly expressed in the deed (Erickson v. Ames, 264 Mass. 436) it is our opinion that this deed which is dated August 8, 1930 and recorded on August 11, 1930 in Book 5201, Page 621 in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds (hereto attached marked Exhibit #20) operated to pass the fee to that portion of the 1925 Taking, which represented 34.01 feet on Dock Square, leaving 4.83 feet easterly thereon on Dock Square, as shown on Plan (Exhibit #19), the fee to which would not pass to the City under the latter deed.

With respect to the parcels of 1386 square feet, 555 square feet and 215 square feet on the northwesterly side of Dock Square, which abut on Adams Square and were taken in the name of Herbert M. Sears Et Al, Trustees, we find that the David Sears Real Estate Trust, the owners of the adjoining parcels remaining after the 1925 widening, conveyed such remaining parcels to an Eleanor Castaldini by a deed dated and recorded January 31, 1955 in Book 7030, Page 23, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "20A", and in the description of the parcels conveyed, bounded them as "Southerly by Dock Square, 69.32 feet". As we have just stated, such a description has been construed by our Courts to convey







the fee to any portion of the street owned by the grantor to the centre line of the street, in the absence of an intention to retain title thereof expressly stated in the deed and would operate to convey the fee in the three parcels which were the subject of the Taking in 1925, for the widening of Dock Square, to Eleanor Castaldini. Consequently, the title to the fee of the parcel in the 1925 Taking would remain in Eleanor Castaldini or others to whom she may have conveyed the property, as her successors or assigns.

With respect to the 968 square foot parcel on the southerly side of North Street and opposite to Elm Street taken in the name of the heirs of James D. Casey, there is no deed on record of the fee to the City of Boston. The remaining portion of the parcel originally owned by the James D. Casey heirs which consisted of 68 square feet was thereafter sold by the Trustees under the Will of James D. Casey to William J. Spinney, by deed dated December 1, 1927 and recorded on February 9, 1929 in Book 5078, Page 571, copy of which is attached hereto marked Exhibit "20B". Although the description of the 68 square foot parcel sold is given as "Southwesterly on said Square (Faneuil Hall Square) 51.48 feet, more or less; being a portion of the land described in a deed from (grantors) to James D. Casey, dated December 5, 1901, recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 2794, Page 264, the City of Boston having taken by eminent domain the remaining portion of the land described in said deed; meaning and intending hereby to convey only that portion of the premises, described in said deed from (grantors) to James D. Casey, remaining after a taking by said City of Boston, through its Board of Street Commissioners, on or about December 22, 1925, for the purposes of a public street".







Although the conveyance to Spinney describes the 68 square foot parcel on Faneuil Hall Square, this would not operate to convey the fee in the land of the 968 square foot parcel taken in 1925, inasmuch as there is a clear expression of intent on the part of the grantors to restrict the conveyance, specifically to the portion remaining after the 1925 Taking, namely, the 68 square foot parcel. Therefore, the fee to the 968 square foot parcel would be in the Trustees under the Will of James D. Casey, or their successors or assigns.

Consequently, with respect to those parcels taken in 1925 to widen Dock Square and Faneuil Hall Square, the city acquired only an easement, except in the case of the Anna M. Barry parcel. In the event these particular areas should be abandoned for street purposes, the title in complete fee would revert to their former owners.

We have not discussed the other parcels taken in 1925 southerly of Faneuil Hall Square as they are not presently part of the project area.

In 1939, there was an additional taking of land to widen Dock Square consisting of 325 square feet on the southerly side thereof between the easterly side of Devonshire Street and the westerly side of Congress Street. This Taking was dated February 8, 1939, and recorded on February 17, 1939 in Book 5772, Page 165. The plan showing the Taking is dated December 31, 1938, drawn by William J. Sullivan, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit #20. It is also to be noticed in this connection, that the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston on February 8, 1939, also discontinued two square feet of the highway known as Congress Street at the corner of Dock Square, which was also recorded together with the 1939 Taking referred to above.







Thereafter, the Merchants National Bank of Boston conveyed to the City of Boston in fee the 325 square feet parcel by a deed dated May 4, 1939, and recorded on June 8, 1939 in Book 5794, Page 301.

On August 4, 1930, the Transit Department of the City of Boston acting under authority of Chapter 297 of the Special Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1929, filed a Taking for a portion of a traffic tunnel on North Street and Dock Square. The area of the Taking, in part, involved the parcels of land easterly and westerly of Bendall's Lane and southerly of North Street. These parcels are contained on a Plan of Block 93, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "22". Also attached hereto is a copy of the material portions of the Taking which was recorded on August 4, 1930 in Book 5200, Page 501, Exhibit "23". This Taking specifically stated that "the above described real estate is taken by it in fee for the City of Boston".

By deed dated and recorded September 11, 1930, William J. Spinney conveyed to the City of Boston in fee the parcel numbered I of 68 square feet in Block 93 of the Plan attached (Exhibit #22).

There was also conveyed to the City of Boston in fee by two separate deeds of one-half undivided interest in each, of the parcel marked II of 1270 square feet, dated December 16 and 17, 1930, respectively, and both of which were recorded on January 12, 1931 in Book 5237, Pages 412 and 413. One of said deeds was from Fannie P. Friedrich, and the other from William E. and Maud D. Patterson.

The parcel of 3848 square feet marked III in the 1930 Taking, which is bounded northerly by North Street, easterly by Bendall's Lane and







southerly by North Market Street taken in the name of Annie T. Tarbell et als, consists of two separate registered parcels owned by Annie T. Tarbell et als, heirs of Amasa Stetson. There is no recorded deed to the City of Boston for either one of these two registered parcels. However, we are attaching hereto the Certificates of Title for these two registered parcels, representing Certificate No. 21753 and Certificate No. 21754, dated February 27, 1930, marked Exhibit #24, and #25.

The 1758 square foot parcel marked IV was taken in the name of the City of Boston and lies just easterly of Bendall's Lane. The actual owner of the property at the time of the Taking was Mary P. Cummings, and a tax lien against the property resulting from a deed originating in a tax sale to the City of Boston, dated September 22, 1930 was recorded September 25, 1930 in Book 5211, Page 37. Thereafter, a disclaimer was filed on behalf of the City of Boston, dated October 19, 1933 and recorded in Book 5410, Page 16. We find no deed of this property on record from the record owner, Mary P. Cummings, to the City of Boston for the 1758 square foot parcel.

Bendall's Lane, as appearing in the Plan of Block 93 of the 1930 Taking, was not specifically taken, although there is language in the recorded Taking as follows: "together with all right, title and interest in and to the fee and soil and all rights heretofore possessed by the owners of the premises herewith taken in all passageways connecting therewith". If the parcels specifically described in the Taking did contain passageways, they would by the force of the Taking have been acquired by the City of Boston. However, it is our opinion that







Bendall's Lane does not come under the usual meaning of a passageway. We base our opinion to this effect on the fact that by the decision of the City Solicitor on September 23, 1879, Bendall's Lane was a "public footway", and that it was public. This, of course, would take it out of the category of the ordinary private passageway, although its width of approximately 8 feet could not be conveniently used by teams and automobiles. So long as Bendall's Lane continued to be part of Dock Square, or a public street, the public continued to have an easement to use the same. However, in the event the area comprising Bendall's Lane should be abandoned as a public street, then the rights of the owners of the fee would spring into being again, and the right to the complete enjoyment of Bendall's Lane would revert to the owners of the fee. As this area was treated in the next preceding section, in which it appeared that the City of Boston had conveyed to Amasa Stetson the southerly half of the passageway, his heirs, Annie T. Tarbell et als, would be the owners of the greater part of the passageway, while Mary P. Cummings, her heirs or assigns, would be the owners of one-half of the northeasterly section of Bendall's Lane.

With respect to the parcels taken in the 1930 Taking, namely, I, II, III and IV, since they were taken in fee, the City of Boston would have good title to the same, irrespective of whether or not they received deeds from the owners thereof.







## XII.

### Recapitulation Of Interests Acquired By The City In Dock Square And The Section Northerly Of Faneuil Hall In the Project Area

That portion of Dock Square which had its origin in streets anciently laid out by the town about the time it was making allotments to the inhabitants shortly after the formation of the town, consisting of Union Street, Ann Street, Dock Square and streets on the southerly part of the dock, including the portion that was the Market Place, was town property, never having been allotted out to any one. Therefore, these sections of Dock Square are now owned in fee by the City of Boston. (See Section VI).

The area which was part of the old Market Place filled in from the dock was town property. (See Sections VII and VIII).

The area just north of Faneuil Hall in the project area southerly of North Street had been occupied partly by wharf and by the town dock. The dock belonged to the town, and after filling, was sold to predecessors in title to the persons from whom the property was later taken in fee by the City of Boston in 1930 for widening of North Street in conjunction with the East Boston traffic tunnel. (See Section IX).

The head of the dock and the Market Place upon which Faneuil Hall stands were part of the dock and title thereto was in fee in the City of Boston. (See Sections VII and VIII).

The Island, so-called, formerly in Dock Square, consisted in part of shops on the southerly part of the dock owned by the town, and of two parcels which were privately owned bounding on the dock. (See Sections V and X).







All of the Island was taken as an easement in 1925. However, the owners of the 1039 and 1097 square feet parcels gave deeds to the City of Boston, in fee, so that the City of Boston's title to those parcels is that of a fee and that of an easement for the other parcels in the Island.

In the remaining sections of Dock Square consisting of those parcels which were formerly upland and not part of the dock, being the northwesterly portion of Dock Square (1386, 555 and 215 square foot parcels), the easterly portion adjoining North Street (968 square foot parcel), the parcel of 1448 square feet easterly of Union Street, the southerly section of Dock Square (4.83 foot section of 741 square feet parcel) which were taken by the city in 1925 from Herbert M. Sears et al, Trustees, Boston Real Estate Trust, James D. Casey heirs, and Anna M. Barry, the city acquired by the Taking only an easement, inasmuch as none of the owners of these parcels gave a deed in fee to the city therefor. (See Section XI).

Tucker v. Tower, 9 Pick. 108; Allen v. Boston, Mass. 159, 324, 335; Curtis v. Boston, 247 Mass. 417, 425.

In the event the area comprising any of these parcels for which the city only acquired an easement for street purposes is discontinued, the title to these parcels would revert in fee to the owners thereof, or their heirs, successors and assigns, as the case may be. In effect, the city is the owner in fee of the entire area of Dock Square and the section northerly of Faneuil Hall in the project area, with the exception of those parcels referred to in the 1925 Taking, for which the city did not secure a deed, and to Bendall's Lane which the public has only an easement to use the same.







### XIII.

#### Evolution of Adams Square

Adams Square did not come into existence as a separate entity distinct from Dock Square until the widening of Washington Street in 1869 and 1872. Prior thereto, Washington Street which was called Cornhill in colonial times changed its direction from south to north to run southeasterly into Dock Square at or about what was Cornhill Street prior to the demolition thereof. As can be observed by an examination of the Bonner Plan of 1722 and the Blake Plan of 1738, Cornhill or that portion which ran into Dock Square was from colonial times a public street "town ground" and property of the Town of Boston.

The first applicable widening thereof was of a small triangular section adjoining Cornhill and Washington Streets in 1856. The widening is shown on a Plan by James Slade, City Engineer, dated February 25, 1856, attached hereto marked Exhibit "26". The city received a deed in fee of a portion of the area involved in the Taking from A. O. Bigelow, Trustee of the Estate of S. P. Tuckerman, dated January 8, 1857 and recorded January 13, 1857 in Book 711, Page 41, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "27". The description in the deed was as follows:

"Northwesterly by the proposed line of widening of Washington Street, 34.82 feet; Easterly by land taken from Edward Tuckerman by the said City of Boston, 8.36 feet; and Southerly by the present line of Washington Street, 33.8 feet".

This triangular parcel contained 141.28 square feet. Since the 141.28 square feet would only represent the westerly portion of the widening, a search for a deed to cover the easterly portion, presumably owned







by Edward Tuckerman, disclosed no deed of the same on record in the Registry of Deeds. Consequently, since the Taking was for the purposes of a public street under resolve of the Board of Alderman on April 26, 1856, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "28", the city only acquired an easement to that portion, and title to the fee thereof would continue to remain in the heirs of Edward Tuckerman.

On September 9, 1872, the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston made a taking of land for the extension of Washington Street to Haymarket Square, a copy of which is hereto attached marked Exhibit "29", together with a copy of a plan of the parcels affecting Adams Square so taken, dated November 2, 1869, made by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, is also hereto attached marked Exhibit "30". Since the Order of Taking was for the purpose of laying out a public street or way in the city under the general authority of the Board to lay out streets in the city, it represented no more than the taking of an easement, and the title of the city to the parcels taken would only be that of an easement, except insofar as the city may have obtained deeds from the owners in fee to such parcels.

The parcel northerly of Brattle Street and southerly of Elm Street containing 9,457 square feet was taken in the name of the Fifty Associates. The city obtained a deed in fee to this parcel from the Fifty Associates, dated December 23, 1872 and recorded December 26, 1872 in Book 1139, Page 127. A copy of the deed together with a recorded plan of the parcels taken is hereto attached marked Exhibit "31".







For the second parcel taken from the Fifty Associates, as Trustees, which is directly southerly of the first parcel mentioned in the taking and is combined of two areas of 4304 square feet and 9473 square feet, totaling 13,777 square feet, there is no recorded deed in fee to the City of Boston. Since the taking for a public street was only an easement, the Fifty Associates as Trustees would continue to own the fee to this parcel so taken.

For the parcel between Cornhill and Brattle Streets and directly north of Devonshire Street containing 935 square feet taken in the name of Edward Tuckerman, the only recorded instrument is a release and discharge of all claims and demands for damages given by Charles U. Cotting, Trustee, who was appointed by the Probate Court acting for Edward Tuckerman, and is dated August 25, 1873 and recorded August 26, 1873 in Book 1173, Page 275. As previously stated, the taking was only of an easement and in the absence of a deed to the fee, Edward Tuckerman's heirs would continue to be the owners of the fee to the 935 square foot parcel.

The next parcel between Brattle Street and Cornhill Street just northerly of the Edward Tuckerman parcel was taken in the name of S. P. Tuckerman, A. O. Bigelow, Trustee, consisting of the parcels of 428 square square feet and 775 square feet, for a total of 1203 square feet. There were two instruments on record concerning this parcel in the Registry of Deeds. The first instrument was a release and discharge of claims for damages given by Abraham O. Bigelow, Trustee, recorded on June 26, 1873 in Book 1165, Page 279. This instrument being a release of damages did not operate as a deed to convey the fee to the City of Boston. Con-







sequently, the city only obtained by the taking an easement in the 1203 square foot parcel, and the fee remains in the former owners.

The second recorded instrument is a deed of the right, title and interest in the parcel dated June 20, 1873, and recorded June 26, 1873 in Book 1165, Page 281, from Samuel P. Tuckerman to the City of Boston with the habendum to the City of Boston, its successors and assigns, to its and their use and behoof forever. If Samuel P. Tuckerman had been the owner of the entire fee to these premises, this instrument would have operated to convey the fee of the parcel taken to the City of Boston. However, an examination of the records at the Suffolk County Registry of Probate shows that this property was originally owned by Edward Tuckerman who died in 1843 and left a will which was probated May 26, 1843 (Case No. 33650) and is recorded in Volume 141, Page 321. By the terms of the will, the property was left to Edward Tuckerman's wife for life, and thereafter, upon the decease of the wife, the property was to go to his son, Samuel P. Tuckerman for life with the power of appointment, and in default thereof, the property was to go to his heirs-at-law. Consequently, the deed from Samuel P. Tuckerman was only of his life interest and does not affect our prior conclusion that there was no conveyance of the fee to the City of Boston, which merely acquired an easement in the property taken with the fee thereof continuing to remain in the heirs of Edward Tuckerman.

For the 1674 square foot parcel taken in the name of F. G. Tuckerman, William Sohler, Agent, located between Brattle and Cornhill Streets, the only instrument on record is a release of all claims and demands for damages given by William Sawyer, Guardian, to the City of Boston, dated







May 21, 1873 and recorded on May 24, 1873 in Book 1160, Page 229. Since this was only a release of damages, it did not operate to convey the fee to the City of Boston, and the former owners continue to have the fee to this area.

For the next parcel, containing parcels representing 63 square feet and 703 square feet for a total of 766 square feet, taken from Edward S. Mason, the only instrument on record is one in which there is a conveyance clause, namely, "give, grant, bargain, sell and convey" the habendum of which, however, is not in fee, but reads to the City of Boston "forever for a public highway", and further states "that the premises are to be used for the purposes of a public street of said City of Boston". Since this instrument in the habendum does not say that the conveyance is in fee, but rather states the limitation that the purpose of the conveyance of the premises is for the use of a public street, we are of the opinion that, at most, this instrument conveys an easement and is in the nature of a release of all claims for damages. This would result in leaving the fee to the area taken in the heirs of Edward S. Mason.

For another parcel taken containing 290 square feet easterly of the 9,473 square foot parcel taken from the Fifty Associates, directly opposite the end of Brattle Street, the City of Boston received an instrument from Frederick R. Sears Et Als, Trustees, under the will of David Sears Et Als. This instrument is dated February 11, 1876 and is recorded March 1, 1876 in Book 1316, Page 256. The habendum of this instrument was to the City of Boston, its successors and assigns "for the purpose of a public street in said City of Boston". This instrument in effect was a release of damages to the parcel taken, inasmuch







as the habendum did not express that the instrument conveyed a fee, but rather contained a limitation to the use of the parcel as a public street. This would result in the city obtaining only an easement, while the Trustees would continue to be the owners of this parcel in fee.

Under Chapter 548, Acts of 1894, the Boston Transit Commission was authorized to build a subway, part of which was under Adams Square in Boston. We have been informed not to concern ourselves in this report with the transit tunnel and, therefore, are not covering any of the title or ownership to this transit tunnel, or the rights obtained therein.

#### XIV.

##### Recapitulation With Respect To Adams Square

The area which now composes Adams Square was made up of portions of what was Cornhill which became Washington Street, and of a street which appears to be Hillier's Lane on the Bonner Plan of 1722. Hillier's Lane also appears in the list of streets which was set out by the town in 1708. The remainder of Adams Square was made up of portions of land taken by the City of Boston for a public street.

By the town records the colonial streets were town property and, therefore, continue to be owned by the city in fee, which consist of the portions of old Cornhill and Hillier's Lane (now Brattle Street). (See Section VI).

Of the two parcels representing a triangle, which appear on the February 25, 1856 Plan, the 141.28 square foot parcel became owned in fee by the city as the result of a deed of the fee from Samuel P. Tuckerman, while the 471.28 square foot parcel for which the city received no deed, the title would remain in the heirs of Edward Tucker-





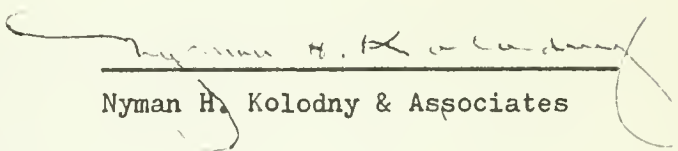


man, inasmuch as the Taking only represented an easement.

Of the other parcels stemming from Takings by the City in 1872 included in Adams Square, the 9,457 square foot parcel northerly of Brattle Street is owned in fee by the City.

While all the other parcels thereof represent an easement, as the City of Boston by its Taking only acquired an easement. The fee to all of such other parcels continues to remain in the heirs of the persons who were the owners of the parcels at the time of the Taking.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nyman H. Kolodny & Associates







SUFFOLK DEEDS, LIB. I., 113, 114.

acknowledged 1 (1) 1649 before Thomas Dudley depu<sup>t</sup>.  
Governor.

Matthew Chaffe doth grant vnto Anthonie Stod-  
dard all that his dwelling house together w<sup>th</sup> all <sup>26 (9) 1649.</sup>  
his land Situat<sup>d</sup> in Boston, also all his fferme at Newb[ ]ry  
w<sup>th</sup> all the houses buildings fences timber trees woods &c:  
to haue & to hold to hi[ ] & his heires & Assignes for  
ever, & this was by way of Mortgage, vpon condit[ ] that  
the sd Matthew paying one hundd & thirty pounds, to wit  
30<sup>li</sup> in money merchantable corne beef or pork at prices  
current at or before the 24<sup>th</sup> novemb next ensuing, & 28<sup>li</sup>  
at or before the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1651 in like pay, & 26<sup>li</sup> at or  
before the 24<sup>th</sup> of nov: 1652 in like pay, & 24<sup>li</sup> in like pay  
at or before the 24<sup>th</sup> nov. 1653, & twenty two pounds in  
like pay the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1654. the sd grant to be void other-  
wise to remaine in force. dat. 24<sup>th</sup> nov. 1649. & acknowl-  
edged before m<sup>r</sup> Hibbins 26<sup>th</sup> [ ] 1649.

Matth. Chaffe & a scale.

Whereas John Clarke hath mortgaged his fferme <sup>26 (9) 1649.</sup>  
in Newbury to John Ward vpon condition of  
paym<sup>t</sup> of xxxiiij<sup>li</sup> vi<sup>li</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. the 29 (7) 1650. & the like summe  
the 29 (7) 1651. & since hath sold the sd fferme to Mat-  
thew Chaffe: The s<sup>d</sup> John Clarke doth assigne unto mat-  
thew Chaffe his now dwelling house in Boston w<sup>th</sup> the ground  
thereto appertaining vpon this condition that if the sd John  
Clark do make paym<sup>t</sup> of the aforesaid summes to John Ward  
according to Covenant, that then this Assignment shalbe  
void, otherwise the sd Matthew to enter & possesse the sd  
house & ground to him & his heires fore[ ] This was by a  
deed dated 1 (8) 1649. & acknowledged before m<sup>r</sup> Bellingham  
27 (9) 1649.

John Clarke & a scale

[114.] There is granted to Val: Hill of Bos-  
ton merch<sup>t</sup> & to his Associates their Execut<sup>t</sup> Ad-  
ministrato<sup>r</sup> & Assignes all the waste ground (comon Highway  
& pprieties reserved) from the point of the Marsh betweene  
m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Tyngs pale & John Lowes house there as it is now  
staked out, to the vppermost corner of m<sup>r</sup> Edw. Tings pro-  
priety neere the Key allready staked out & so round by  
Edward Bendalls to the point fore mentioned, for so many  
yeaves as the charge they shall bestow in purchase of their  
neighbours, their late wharving, & in building makeing &  
repaireing such wharfs creekes or coves w<sup>th</sup>in this fyve yeare  
next Comeing, shall amount vnto, accounting after nine yeaves

15 (9) 1650.







time to be allowed for one hundd pounds & ratenably for all the charge so to be bestowed as aforesd. This terme to begin at the expiration of the sd fyve yeeres; & the sd Valentine Hill & his Associates theire Execut<sup>r</sup> Administrato<sup>r</sup> & Assignes are allowed to take tomage of all such vessell, & wharfage of all such goods as shall there arive or make vse thereof, durence the sd termes: pvided that all such whose grounds doe Butt on the Waste grounds aboue granted or high wayes there, shalbe free to import land & export w<sup>th</sup>in this Jurisdiction (except by way of Merchandise) all theire owne goods, wood, timber, & other things, being originally of this Jurisdiction, w<sup>th</sup>out any charge durence the terme before granted, so that the vessells stay not in the Cove nor creekes delivering, nor the goods remaine vpon the wharfe aboue forty eight houres; And it is also agreed that such Warehouses or other houses as they shall erect durence theire terme, they shalbe allowed for by the Towne, after such rate as they shalbe valued to be then worth, w<sup>th</sup>out respect of the place; & it is also agreed that such wharfes as they shall make there, they shall leave in good repaire & so as they may be of vse to the Towne at the end of the time. Provided that if they or theire Execut<sup>r</sup> or Assignes shall resigne & give vp the same vnto the towne three yeares before the end of theire terme, then they shall not be charged w<sup>th</sup> reparation, Provided they shall not hereby haue liberty to pull downe or demolish the same or any pt thereof. And it is also agreed that the sd Grantees shall w<sup>th</sup>in the space of two yeares next ensueing sufficiently wharfe & from time to time keepe in repaire the creeke next vnto George Burdens house, fitting for the ladeing & vnladeing of a lighter of twenty Tonns in ordinary tyd<sup>s</sup>, on either side thereof. And it is also agreed that they shall not take Tonnage or wharfadge of any boate or goods but at such times as the wharfes & Coves shalbe vsefull for such vessells as shall there arive, nor shall hinder the landing of any goods vpon any such pt of the Cove where they shall not bestowe any answerable cost of wharfing. And it is further agreed that it shalbe lawfull for any of this Towne to passe to or from theire skills or smale boates w<sup>th</sup>out paying any thing, so as they doe not lay or leane the sd boates to p<sup>r</sup>judice the sd Grantees for the passage of any other vessell, or the ladeing or vnladeing of any merchandise or other goods by w<sup>ch</sup> they are to receiue benefitt; Provided also that if m<sup>r</sup> Edward Tyng shall w<sup>th</sup>in fyve yeeres now next comeing wharfe in that part of the Waste between the inside of the Crosse wall & m<sup>r</sup> Hills wharfe end, being in length seventy foure foote or there about being already marked out, he shall then enjoy to him & his Assignes, the







sole liberty of Tonnage & wharfadge by & vppon the same, w<sup>th</sup>out contributing to any other charge, & in consideration thereof the sd Grantees are to haue their nine yeeres made vpp ten for every hundred pounds bestowed as aforesaid: & yf he shall not wharfe the same w<sup>th</sup>in the said fyve yeeres, then the sd Grantees may doe it as the Rest. This order was dated. 29 (9) 1641.

It is ordered & agreed vppon the pvseall of the Accounts of m<sup>r</sup> Hill & Edward Bendall about the Cove or docke, in their charges w<sup>ch</sup> they layed out in the fyve yeeres allowed them by the towne to expend in as appeares folio 56. w<sup>ch</sup> we fynd to put to Account eight hundred & eightene pounds xij<sup>s</sup> & iiij<sup>d</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup> makes their number of yeeres for them to possesse to be foure score from the yeare 1646.

This order was dated 26 (12) 1648.

According to [ ] of the towne in Generall who gaue power to the select men of the towne to sell the reversion of the Dock or Cove called by the name of Bend- [115.]alls Dock, together w<sup>th</sup> the flatts thereto belonging w<sup>ch</sup> vppon the 31 (9) 1649 the selectmen of the Towne haue sould the reversion to James Everill, ever paying to the schoole vse six pound sixtene shillings ten pence p Annu<sup>m</sup> for ever, as may more fully appeare in the deed of sale in the Townes keeping in the hands of the Townes Recorder for the time being.

This order was dated 31 (9) 1649.

This Indenture made the 31<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month called January in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord 1649. according to the Account of England betweene W<sup>m</sup> Colborne, Anthonie Stoddard, James Pen, Jacob Eliot, Jeremie Houtchin & Thomas Marshall selectmen or townes husbands for the towne of Boston in New England on the one pt & James Everill of Boston aforesd shoemaker, on the other pt, Witnesseth, that (whereas the Select men for the sd towne of Boston w<sup>th</sup> the consent of the towne granted vnto Valentine Hill of the sd Boston merch<sup>t</sup> the cove or docke called & commonly knowne by the name of Bendalls docke, as appeareth in their owne towne booke pag 56<sup>th</sup>. & after ratified the same grant to continue for the space of foure score yeeres begining from the 26<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month called february in the Yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord 1646 as more at large may appeare in the 84<sup>th</sup> page of the sd townes booke, & Whereas the Select men aforesd haue power granted them from the towne of Boston, to sell the Reversion or remainder of the sd Cove or docke w<sup>th</sup> the appurtenances vnto James Everill







aforesaid) Now the sd select men of the towne of Boston for the time being, to witt, W<sup>m</sup> Colborne, Anthony Stoddard, James Pen, Jacob Eliot, Jeremie Houtchin & Thomas Marshall for & in the name & behalfe of the sd towne & for & towards the advancement of the free schoole in Boston aforesd & the maintenance of theire schoolemaster for the education of theire children for ever, Hane bargained sould giuen granted confirmed, & by these p<sup>ntes</sup> doe bargaine & sell vnto James Everill aforesd the Reversion or Reversions remainder or remainders of the sd Cove or doek, w<sup>th</sup> all the vacant grounds therein appertaining, & all the wharfes there made (except what is herein hereafter excepted) together w<sup>th</sup> all the wharfages anchorages, customes tolls impositions priviledges & p<sup>ntes</sup> that doe or may arise therefrom all along from the land & wharfe of John Bateman on the north, as it runneth along by the houses & lands of James Nash Thomas Painter W<sup>m</sup> Hudson senior, John Low, Joshua Scotto James Everill Ed[ ]und Jackson Isaac Walker, John Button, W<sup>m</sup> Hudson Junior, John Glover Georg Burden Richard Webb Hugh Gunnison W<sup>m</sup> Tyng W<sup>m</sup> Francklin Robert Nash Edward Bendall Edmund Grosse Sammel Cole Valentine Hill Henry Webb vnto the wharfe of W<sup>m</sup> Davies on the south, To haue & to hould the sd Cove or doek together w<sup>th</sup> all the wharfes there built, the void ground thereto appertaining w<sup>th</sup> in the limitts afore mentioned (reserving twenty foote in breadth for the highwayes) w<sup>th</sup> all the wharfages anchorages customs tolls impositions priviledges & p<sup>ntes</sup> thereof, from & immediatly after the expiration of the sd fourescore yeares) (w<sup>ch</sup> wilbe on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the last month called February in the Yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord 1726) or from any forfeiture or any other way or means whereby it may fall into the townes hands, Vnto him the sd James Everill his heires & Assignes forever. Only excepted the house & wharfe of Joseph Wormwood, being in breadth at the streete thirty one foote & an halfe, & [ ] the water side twenty seven foote: Also a peell of land of Leonard Buttles adjoining to the coue aforesd being in breadth at the cove thirty foote, & towards the streete twenty foote: Also the wharfe of John Low being in breadth at the Cove aforesaid seventy two foote, & towards the streete ninety foote: Also Joshua Scotto his wha[ ] being in breadth at the Cove & also towards the streete twenty foote. also the wharfe [ ] John Shaw being in breadth at the Cove & also toward the streete forty foote: Also [ ] wharfe of Edmund Jackson being in breadth both towards the Cove & towards the streete sixtene foote: Also the wharfe of Isaac Walker being in breadth at the Co[ ] ten foote, & towards the







streete twenty foote : Also the house & wharfe of W<sup>m</sup> Hanbury being in breadth toward the streete forty six foote, rereward forty three foote ; next Edw: Bendall fifty one foote, & twenty fyve foote southward next the townes land as by their severall deeds beareing dated the 29<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 1648 may [ ] fully appeare : Also the wharfe of Henry Webb excepted. further the sd select[ ] of Boston for the time being by vertue of the power granted them by the tow[ ] [116.] Boston aforesd doe giue grant bargaine & sell vnto James Everill aforesaid the house & warehouses hereafter expressed together w<sup>th</sup> the ground whereon they now stand, vizt, the house & wharfe now in the tenure & occupation of Valentine Hill of Boston merch<sup>t</sup>, next adjoineing to the house & wharfe of John Bateman, Also the warehouse & wharfe now or late in the tenure & occupation of Major Nehemiah Bourne ; also the warehouse (& land whereon it stands) being now in the tenure & occupation of Edward Bendall : also the warehouse now in the tenure & occupation of Capt John Leverit together w<sup>th</sup> the ground whereon it stands, To have & to hould the sd house warehouses & land whereon they stand wharfes vnto them & any of them belonging, w<sup>th</sup> their appurtenances, vnto him the sd James Everill his heirs & Assignes for ever, from & immediatly after the expiration of the aforesd fourscore yeares w<sup>ch</sup> willbe the 26<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 1726. Hec the sd James Everill his heirs or Assignes paying to the sd Valentine Hill Nehemiah Bourne Edward Bendall & John Leverit their heires or Assignes what the sd house & warehouses respectively shall then be judged worth w<sup>thout</sup> respect to the place whereon they stand ; that land being hereby absolutely granted vnto the sd James Everill his heires or Assignes, w<sup>thout</sup> any limitation exception or pvision whatsoever. Lastly the sd select men for the towne of Boston aforesd by Authority aforesd & for the benefit of the free schooles as aforesd doe grant vnto the sd James Everill all the flatts scituate lyeing & being w<sup>thout</sup> the sd Cove or dock aforesaid being in breadth one hundred eighty one foote ten ynches (be the same more or lesse) from the south side of the entrance or gate into the Cove or dock aforesd, & the wharfe of W<sup>m</sup> Davies, running along from those two limitts seven degrees to the Northward of the East by a Meridian Compasse, & so on to the lowe water marke at Spring tydes, To have & to hould the sd flatts to him the sd James Everill his heires & Assignes forever, from & immediatly after the date of these presents, Provided ever that Neither the sd James Everill his heires nor assignes shall demand or take anchorage for any Vessell or Vessells lyeing vpon the







sd flatts vntill hee or they or some of them shall carry out a wharfe for the benefitt of vessells ladeing & unladeing & then it shalbe lawfull for the sd James Everill his heires & Assignes to demand & take wharfage anchorage customes tolls &c. according to the vse vsuall rates allowed for all such vessells as shall lye against his wharfe & have benefitt thereby. Provided also that neither the sd James Everill his heires nor Assignes shall stopp or suffer to be stopped the free passage of vessells into or out of the sd dock called Bendalls docke by the lying of any vessell or vessells at the northerly end of the sd wharfe by him or them hereafter to be erected, nor otherwise. And the sd James Everill for himselfe his heires & Assignes doth Covenant & grant to & w<sup>th</sup> the sd W<sup>m</sup> Colborne Anthony Stoddard James Pen Jacob Eliot Jeremy Houtchin & Thomas Marshall the selectmen of the Towne of Boston aforesaid for the time being & their Successors, in consideration of the premisses, & for the vse of the free schoole aforesaid to pay or cause to be paid vnto the selectmen of the sd Towne of Boston or to such others as the said Towne shall hereafter appoint, the full & just summe of six pounds sixtene shillings & ten pence yearely, vppon each last day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month for ever, from & after the date of these presents to be pd in Country pay at price Current vppon demand. Finally the sd select of the sd Towne of Boston for the time being, for & in the name of the Towne, & by vertue of the power & trust comitted to them by the towne as aforesaid for sale of the p<sup>r</sup>misses doe covenant to & w<sup>th</sup> the sd James Everill that he the sd James his heires & Assignes shall for ever hereafter quietly & peaceably enjoy the sd Cove or dock comonly knowne by the name of Bendalls docke together w<sup>th</sup> the waste or vacant grounds thereto appertaining w<sup>th</sup>in the limitts afore mentioned & according to the tenor purport & true meaning of this present Grant aboue specified w<sup>th</sup> all the wharfes Anchorages customes tolls impositions priviledges & p<sup>r</sup>fits that doe or may arise therefrom according as aboue is expressed together w<sup>th</sup> the flatts aforementioned & the profits & priviledges arising therefrom as aforesd, w<sup>th</sup>out molestation or interruption by or from the Towne of Boston aforesd or by or from the Selectmen of the sd Towne or by or from any other pson or psons claimeing any title or interest in the premisses or any pt or peell [117.] thereof by from or vnder them or any of them. In witness whereof the pties to these present Indentures interchangably haue put to their hands & scales the day & yeare first aboue mentioned.

W<sup>m</sup> Colborne & a scale. Anthony Stoddard & a scale. James Pen & a scale. Jacob Eliot & a scale. Jeremy Houchin & a scale. Thomas Marshall & a scale.







SUFFOLK DEEDS, Lm. 1., 117.

Further it is agreed & concluded before the  
 enscaling & delivery hereof that whereas the <sup>Endorsed.</sup>  
 bounds of this grant are sd to Run along by the houses &  
 lands of James Nash Thomas Painter & the rest round about  
 the sd Cove, It is to be vnderstoode onely to extend to the  
 high way running along by the sd houses & lands. And  
 whereas there is reserved onely twenty foote in breadth for  
 high wayes it is to be vnderstood of the highway from W<sup>m</sup>  
 Davies propriety along to Edw: Bendalls brick house & so  
 towards Robert Nashes house. And whereas it is said that  
 the sd James Everill his heires & Assignes shall pay yearly  
 the summe of six pounds sixteene shillings & ten pence in  
 Country pay, it is agreed that the sd Country pay shalbe in  
 food & rayment at prices Current. And whereas James  
 Everill &c. hath liberty granted to erect a new wharfe vppon  
 the flatts granted him by these presents, it is agreed & con-  
 cluded that he shall not erect any such wharfe w<sup>th</sup>in forty  
 foote of the wharfe already made by Edw. Bendall to hinder  
 the free passage of vessells to the sd Wharfe durning the  
 lease made vnto Edw. Bendall. Further the said James  
 Everill for himselfe his heires & Assignes doth covenant to  
 & w<sup>th</sup> the sd selectmen that the sd Cove & premisses shalbe  
 lyable to make good the said Rent Charge for ever.

Signed sealed & dd in pñce of

Henry Shrimpton

Benjamin Negroos.

William Aspinwall Sc̃r;

This deed of sale was acknowledged by the  
 men w<sup>th</sup>in named being the prudentiall  
 men for the time being of the towne of  
 Boston this 8<sup>th</sup> of the first month 1649.

Before me W<sup>m</sup> Hibbins.

Joseph Wormall of Boston granted to Henry  
 Sandis of Boston his house & wharfe in Boston <sup>17 (2 1650).</sup>  
 Scitnat neere to Val: Hills house lately purchased of Leonard  
 Buttles, & this was by way of mortgage, w<sup>th</sup> pyiso that if he  
 pay vnto the sd Henry twenty foure pounds eighteene shil-  
 lings nine pence in merchantable wheate at price current at  
 or before the last of 7<sup>bre</sup>, next then this grant to be void,  
 otherwise the sd Henry to receive the rents of the said  
 house & wharfe & the same to sell or sell, paying himselfe  
 the aforesaid summe w<sup>th</sup> due damages & returning the over-  
 plus to the sd Wormall. This was dated & acknowledged  
 16(29) 1650 before m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hibbins.

This mortgage was discharged to m<sup>r</sup> Jeremy houchin as







# The Names of the Streets, Lanes & Alley.

Within the Town of Boston in New-England.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified & Warned according to Law, being Convened at the Town-house, the 22.d. day of September, Anno Domini. 1701.

Voted, That the Select-men of this Town are impowred to Assign & Fix Names, unto the several Streets and Lanes within this Town, as they shall judge meet & convenient.

At a Meeting of the Select-men of the Town of Boston, the 3d. day of May, Anno Domini, 1708.

Ordered, That the Streets, Lanes and Alleys, of this Town, as they are now ( by the said Select-men ) Named and Bounded, be accordingly recorded in the Town Book and arc as followeth, viz.

1. **T**HE broad Street or Way from the Old Fortification on the Neck, leading into the Town as far as the late Deacon Eliot's corner. **Orange Street.**
2. The Way below the late Deacon Eliot's Barn, leading from Orange Street Easterly by the SeaSide **Beech Street.**
3. The Way leading Easterly from the said Deacon Eliot's corner, passing by the late Deacon Allen's, extending to Windmill point. **Elly Street.**
4. The Way leading from the late Elder Ramsford's corner in Essex Street, extending Southerly into Beech Street, and so down to the Sea. **Ramsford's Lane.**
5. The Way leading from the late Capt. Frayser's corner Westerly, to the bottom of the Common, with the return Southerly down to the Sea. **Frogg Lane.**
6. The Street from the corner of the House now in the Tenure of Capt. Turfrey, nigh Deacon Eliot's corner, leading Northerly as far as Dr. Oaker's corner. **Newbury Street.**
7. The New Alley between Mr. Blyns & Durants in Newbury Street, leading Westerly into the Common. **Hogg Alley.**
8. The Street leading Easterly from Wheelers corner in Newbury Street, passing by the Towns Watering place, as far as Capt. Dyers Barn. **Pond Street.**
9. The Way leading from John Uffers Elq his Barn Southerly into Essex Street. **Short Street.**
10. The Way leading from the lower end of Pond-street, North-Easterly into Church Green, by Summer Street. **Wind Lane.**
11. The Way from Cowls corner in Newbury Street, leading Westerly into the Common. **West Street.**
12. The Way from Ellys's corner nigh the upper end of Summer Street, leading Westerly into the Common **Winter Street.**
13. The Street leading Easterly from Dr. Oaker's corner in Newbury Street, passing by the House of Capt. Timothy Clark, extending to the Sea. **Summer Street.**
14. The Street from Baxters corner in Summer Street, leading Southerly by the late Deacon Allen's, extending down to the Sea. **South Street.**
15. The Way from Bulls corner at the lower end of Summer Street, leading Southerly to Windmill point. **Sea Street.**
16. The Street leading from Penemans corner at the upper end of Summer Street, passing by the South Meeting-house, to Mr. Hough's corner. **Walborough Street.**
17. The Way leading from Briscoes corner in Marlborough Street passing by Justice Bromfields into the Common **Walsons Lane.**
18. The Way leading from the South Meeting-house, passing by Mr. Borlands, and so down to the Sea by Mr. Hallways. **Willi Street.**
19. The Alley leading Southerly from Southers corner in Milk Street, to Capt. Clarks corner in Summer Street **Whypo Alley.**
20. The Lane leading South-Easterly from Mr. Borlands corner in Milk-Street to Beards corner in Cow Lane. **Long Lane.**
21. The Street where Mr. Daniel Oliver dwells, passing from Milk-Street up to Fort-Hill. **Oliver Street.**
22. The Way leading Southerly from Fort-Hill to Mores corner in Summer Street. **Cow Lane.**
23. The Way from the lower end of Summer Street, leading North-Easterly by the Sea Side, with the return up to the Rope Walk. **Flower Lane.**
24. The Alley by Whartons house in Cow-lane, leading Easterly into Harisons Rope Walk. **Crooked Alley.**
25. The Way from John Roberts's house in Cow Lane, leading Easterly by Capt. Bonners, into the Rope walk **Grildys Lane.**
26. The Way from the upper end of Cow Lane on Fort Hill leading Easterly, passing by Mr. Joseph Hubberts down to the Sea. **Gibbs's Lane.**
27. The Way leading from the Northerly Side of Fort Hill passing down Easterly by the Old Brew house into Battery March. **Seance Lane.**
28. The Way leading from Holloway's corner by the end of Milk Street, passing by the Battery, extending to the lower end of Gibbs's Lane. **Battery March.**
29. The Way leading Southerly from Gibbs's Lane on Fort Hill, passing by Drinkers to the Rope-walk. **Welchers Lane.**
30. The Way from Mr. Hough's corner, leading Northwesterly by the Latin School, extending as far as Mr. Whitcombs corner. **School Street.**
31. The Way leading from Mrs. Whitcombs corner westerly through the upper side of the Common, and so down to the Sea. **Beacon Street.**
32. The Way leading from Beacon Street, on the upper side of the Common unto Mr. Allens Orchard. **Dables Lane.**
33. The Way leading from Beacon Street, between Capt. Alfords and Madam Shrimptons Pasture, up to Centry Hill **Centry Street.**
34. The Street from the lower end of School Street, leading Northerly as far as Mr. Clarks the Pewterers Shop. **Corn Hill.**
35. The Way leading from a Tenement of Capt. Clark's nigh the lower end of School Street, to Mrs. Winfords corner in **Spring Lane.**
36. The Street leading from Cox the Butchers Shop in Corn hill, passing by Major Walley, as far as the corner of Mr. Olivers **Brick Ware-house.**

37. The Alley leading from the end of Water-Street, through Mr. Olivers Land by Odell's into Milk Street. **Coopers Alley.**
38. The Way leading from Water-Street, passing between Major Walley's and Mr. Bridgman's lands into Milk Street. **Canners Lane.**
39. The Lane passing from Water-Street into Milk Street, according to the Name by which it hath been formerly known. **Jopliens Lane.**
40. The Way passing Round the Old Meeting House. **Church Square.**
41. The Way leading from Corn Hill, including the ways on each side of the Town House, extending Easterly to the Sea. **King Street.**
42. The Street leading from Mr. Derings corner in Corn Hill to Houbens corner at the upper end of Hanover Street. **Queen Street.**
43. The Way leading from the Mansion House of the late Simon Lynde Esq. by Capt. Southicks, extending as far as Col. Townsends corner. **Trea Mount Street.**
44. The Way leading from Melhens corner near Col. Townsends, passing through the Common along by Mr. Steafs into Frogg Lane. **Common Street.**
45. The Alley leading Easterly from the Common, on the North side of Madam Uffers House. **Turn again Alley.**
46. The Way leading from the Exchange in King Street, passing by Mrs. Phillips's into Water Street. **Pudding Lane.**
47. The Way leading from King Street, by the House of Isaac Addington Esq. with the Return into Pudding Lane. **Ball-square Court.**
48. The Way leading from Mr. Mackens corner in King Street, to Elder Bridgman's Ware-House in Water Street **Levertys Lane.**
49. The way leading from Justice Duntons corner in King-street, passing over the Bridge as far as Mrs. Dafforns corner in Milk-street. **Mackeril Lane.**
50. The way leading from the House formerly the Castle-Tavern in Mackeril-lane, passing by Mr. Hallways wharfe to the Sea. **Crabb Lane.**
51. The way leading from the Sign of the Orange Tree, passing by Mr. Stephens to the Mill Pond, and from thence to the lower end of Cold-lane. **Sudbury Street.**
52. The way leading from Emmors corner passing by Justice Lynde's Pasture, extending from thence westerly to the Sea. **Cambridge Street.**
53. The way passing on the Northerly side of Livery-Stuble, in Justice Lynde's Pasture, to Mr. Allens Farm-house **Green Lane.**
54. The way from Mr. Pownings corner by Dock-square, leading Southerly into King-street. **Crooked Lane.**
55. The square from the House of Eliakim Hutchinsons Esq. to Mr. Pembertons corner on the one side, and from Kennys Shop to Mr. Allens corner on the other side. **Dock Square.**
56. The way leading from Major Savages's corner in Dock-square, to Madam Shrimptons corner in King-street. **Shrimptons Lane.**
57. The way leading from Mr. Merris corner along by the side of the Dock, as far as the corner of the Ware-House, formerly Major Davids. **Corn Market.**
58. The Alley leading from Mr. Mountforts in Corn Market, to Capt. Fitch's corner in King-street. **Pierces Alley.**
59. The way leading from Justice Palmers Ware-House in Corn-market, up to Mr. Morricks buildings. **Corn Court.**
60. The way leading from Mrs. Butlers corner, at the lower end of King-street, to the Swinging Bridge, & from thence to the lower end of Woodmanfords Wharfe. **Merchants Row.**
61. The way leading from Pletts corner, passing Northwesterly by the Sign of the Dragon to the Mill Pond. **Union Street.**
62. The Street from between Houbens corner and the Sign of the Orange Tree, leading Northerly to the Mill Bridge. **Hanover Street.**
63. The way leading from Mr. Pembertons corner at the end of Dock-square, to Justice Lynde's corner in Hanover street. **Wings Lane.**
64. The way leading from Wing Lane to Mr. Colmans Church, and from thence the two ways, viz. Southerly to Queen-street, and Easterly to Dock-square. **Brattle Street.**
65. The new way leading from Mr. Pallards corner in Brattle-street, thro' Mr. Belknaps Yard into Queen-street **Pilliers Lane.**
66. The way leading Northwesterly from Mr. Harries corner in Hanover-street, down to the Mill Pond. **Cold Lane.**
67. The way leading from Capt. Ballantines corner nigh the Mill-bridge, to the corner of Capt. Fitchs Tenement in Union Street. **Marshall Lane.**
68. The way leading from Brooks corner in Marshall Lane, passing by Mr. Balfingers, to Scottows Alley. **Crown Lane.**
69. The way leading from Creek Lane to Capt. Bows corner, in Union Street. **Salt Lane.**
70. The way leading from Creek Lane, to Mr. Hibbs corner in Union Street. **Hardalls Lane.**
71. The way leading from the sign of the Star in Hanover Street passing Northerly behind Capt. Everetts house **Link Alley.**
72. The way from the Conduit in Union Street, leading Northerly over the Bridgeto Ellisons corner, at the lower end of Crofs Street **Anne Street.**

73. The way from Mr. Antrams corner nigh the Cond leading North-easterly by the side of the Dock, as far as Winfords Ware-house. **Jim Mark.**
74. The New way from Union Street, passing Southwesterly between the buildings of the late Capt. Christopher Clark deceased **Winfords Lane.**
75. The Alley by Capt. Abijah Savagers in Anne Street leading Northwesterly to Creek Lane. **Scottows Alley.**
76. The way between Capt. Winfords and Mrs. Pembertons, Anne Street leading to the Wharves by the Swinging Bridge **Swingbridge Lane.**
77. The Street from Mount-jays corner at the lower end of Crofs Street, leading Northerly to the Sign of the Swan **Scarlets Wharfe.**
78. The way leading Northwesterly from Mr. Thomass corner in Anne Street. **Fiib Street.**
79. The Street leading from the Mill Bridge Northerly as far as Mr. Jones Clarks corner at the end of Bennet Street. **Paddeys Alley.**
80. The way leading Northerly from Stanburys corner nigh the Mill Bridge, as far as Mr. Gees corner in Prince-street **Back Street.**
81. The way leading from the Mill Pond South-Easterly, by the late Deacon Phillips's Stone-house, extending down to the Sea. **Crofs Street.**
82. The way from the North-westerly end of Crofs Street passing by Ferings house Northerly nigh the Mill Pond. **Old Way.**
83. The way leading from North-westerly Street, passing by the House of the late Capt. Timothey Prout, into Fifth Street, and so down to the Sea. **Wood Lane.**
84. The way from Wals's corner in Middle Street, leading North-westerly into Back-street. **Beer Lane.**
85. The Alley leading from Anne Street, between the late Capt. Laker and Nannys buildings, to Mr. Indecotts shop in Crofs-street. **Elbow Alley.**
86. The Alley leading from Fifth Street between the Lands of John Clark Esq. and the successors of Mr. Samuel Gallop, Decceased into Middle-street. **Gallops Alley.**
87. The Street leading Northwesterly from Allards corner in Middle-street, passing by the House formerly the sign of the Black Horse, extending to the Sea at Ferry-way. **Prince Street.**
88. The Street leading Northerly from the end of Bennet Street nigh Mr. Jones Clarks, extending to the Sea. **North Street.**
89. The Street leading South-Easterly from Williams's corner nigh Mr. Jones Clarks down to the Sea, by Scarlets Wharfe **fiest Street.**
90. The Alley leading North-Westerly from the North Meeting House into Middle-street. **Bell Alley.**
91. The Square lying on the Southerly side of the North Meeting-House, including the ways on each side of the Watch-House. **Clarks Square.**
92. The Way leading South Easterly from the North-Meeting-House into Fifth Street. **Sun Court.**
93. The Way leading from the North-Meeting-House Northwesterly by Capt. Tho. Barnards into Fleet Street. **Moon Street.**
94. The Way leading Northerly from Mrs. Winfords corner between Col. Fitch's and Mr. Fizzells into Fleet Street. **Garden Court.**
95. The Street leading Northerly from Mr. Evertons corner nigh Scarlets Wharfe, to the North Battery. **Ship Street.**
96. The Way leading North-Westerly from the North-Battery, to the Ferry way by Hudlons Point. **Lyn Street.**
97. The Way leading Westerly along the shore from Hudlons Point to the Mill Stream by Mr. Oels Shipyard. **Ferry Way.**
98. The Street leading North-Westerly, from Mrs. Ramfords Corner in North Street towards the Ferry Point at Charles Town. **Charter Street.**
99. The Way leading from Carwithys Corner in Prince Street, to Mr. Phips Corner in Charter Street. **Salem Street.**
100. The Way leading Northerly from Trauiss Corner in Prince Street, to the end of Ferry-way by Hudlons Point. **Snow Hill.**
101. The Way leading South Easterly from Snow Hill to Salem Street. **Hull Street.**
102. The Way leading North-westerly from Mr. Jones Clarks Corner to Salem Street. **Bennet Street.**
103. The Way leading N.westerly from Capt. Stevens's Corner in N. Street, with the return into Bennet Street. **Lobe Street.**
104. The Alley leading from the Burying place in Charter Street to Adkins Lime Kiln in Lyn Street. **Lime Alley.**
105. The Alley leading from Charter-street down by Benj. Williams's in Lyn-street. **Sliding Alley.**
106. The Way leading from Charter-street down by Mrs. Bucklys into Lyn-street. **Venchmans Lane.**
107. The Alley Leading from Charter-street down through Mr. Greenoughs Ship Yard into Lyn-street **Greenoughs Alley.**
108. The Alley leading from North-street down by the Salutation into Ship-street. **Salutation Alley.**
109. The Alley leading from North-street along by Mr. Wills Parkmans into Ship-street near the North Battery, **Water Alley.**
110. The Alley leading from North-street down to Capt. Richard's corner in Slip-street. **White Bread Alley.**







[11.] Whereas the Town of Boston is unfortunately become the most striking Monument of Ministerial Tyranny & Barbarity, as is particularly exhibited in the sudden shutting up this Port thereby cruelly depriving the Inhabitants of this Metropolis of the Means they have hitherto used to support their Families; And whereas our Brethren of in the other Colonies, well knowing that we are suffering in the common Cause of America & of Mankind have, from a generous & Brotherly Disposition contributed largely towards our Support in this Time of our General Distress (without which many of our worthy and virtuous Citizens must have been in imminent Danger of perishing with Cold & Hunger) — And whereas the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Members of the Continental Congress have kindly recommended us to our Sister Colonies, as worthy of farther Support from them, while the Iron Hand of unremitting Oppression lies heavy upon us. Therefore Voted, that this Town, truly sensible of the generous Assistance they have received from their sympathizing Brethren, return them their warmest & most sincere Thanks for the same: And they pray that GOD, whose Beneficence they so gloriously imitate, may bestow upon them the Blessings he has promised to all them, who feed the hungry & cloath the naked: And the Thanks of this Town are accordingly hereby given to our Benefactor aforementioned, & to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Members of the Congress for their Benevolence towards us, expressed as aforesaid, which Support, if continued cannot fail of animating us to remain stedfast in defending the Rights of America. —

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. James Otis Esq<sup>r</sup>. being present moved that he might be dismissed as One of the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Correspondence for the Town of Boston, And the Question being accordingly put, passed in the Affirmative.

Upon a Motion made & seconded,

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. James Otis Esq<sup>r</sup>. for his Services, as a Member of the Committee of Correspondence, & for his Offers of such farther Services as he might be capable of rendering. —

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>. day of February next, 11 O'Clock forenoon.

And the Meeting was accordingly adjourned —

[12.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall by Adjournment of the May Meeting, February 1<sup>st</sup>. 1775. —

Mr. Adams the Moderator being at Cambridge, attending the Provincial Congress,

Mr. William Whitwell

was chosen Moderator pro temp. by a Hand Vote.

The Committee appointed to consider the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town, that the Incumbrances on Dock Square may be removed & Measures taken for filling up the Dock that so Room may be made for the Standing of Horses Hacks of those Country People, who bring Provisions for sale to the Market & to treat with the Proprietors, if the Committee have any Doubt, as to the Title of the Town to said Dock — Now Report — That they

have met several Times & examined into the Town's Right to said Dock, & into some Privileges anciently granted to certain Persons, who then lived near to said Dock, or were interested in Lands abutting thereupon: And upon the whole the Committee are of Opinion, that the Town have an undoubted Right to said Dock, & may fill it up, or improve the same as they shall judge proper, so far as to meet the Slip that enters into said Dock just above the Bridge; & if the same is filled up the Committee propose to the Town, that a Passage may be laid out of such a Width as will be most convenient for Carts, Trucks & other Carriages, beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Dock, & running upon a Line nearly strait, between the Dwelling House of the late Thomas Tyler Esq<sup>r</sup>. & the Warehouse of John Foreland Esq. & that when said Dock is filled up the Rails above be bro't down, & fixed on the Sides of said Passage Way. The Committee judge that this will make a Passage way full large for the Accommodation of all Carts, Horses & Carriages for Persons that bring Provisions for Sale, & it will thereby prevent the great Annoyances Inconveniences & Dangers, that the Inhabitants & others are exposed to by the Country People filling up with their Carts [13.] Teams, Stalls, Benches & Stands, the Street & Square from Mr. Simons Store-shop to the Market: And the Com<sup>tee</sup> would recom<sup>end</sup> to the Town, to take such Methods as shall be effectual to prevent, to prevent any of the Inhabitants of the Town, & all other Persons whatever, standing or continuing in said Square, or in the narrow Street between Mr. Dollhear's Shop & Deacon Newell's Shop so far into Union Street, as runs on a Line with the North Side of Ann Street, & also in all other Places & Avenues that lead to the Market, or to the aforesaid Places assigned for the Convenience thereof; & that none be allowed to fix, stand or continue without the aforesaid Limits near to the same, with Carts, Horses Stalls, Benches Wheelbarrows or Baskets, or any of them for the Sale of any Article or Commodity whatever; & if any Person shall transgress herein, that they be prosecuted for the same: And for the Encouragement of the Country People, who bring any thing for Sale to the Market, the Com<sup>tee</sup> propose, that it be left to the Discretion of the Selectmen, whether any, Consideration, & how much shall be paid by those Persons, that shall improve or occupy any Part of Faneuil Hall Market, or the Enclosures of the same; And that these Regulations may take Effect, the Com<sup>tee</sup> would farther recom<sup>end</sup> to the Inhabitants, that they do not purchase Provisions, or any other Article of such Persons as shall refuse to comply with the same; & if the Town shall determine to fill up said Dock, the Com<sup>tee</sup> advise that it be done as speedily as may be, & that the Selectmen be desired & directed to take Care, that all Drains & Conveyances of Water, that belong to private Persons, & that have heretofore emptied themselves into said Dock, be carried out at the Expense of the Town, so as no Stoppage or Obstruction may happen to private Property. The Com<sup>tee</sup> would mention to the Town, that the Heirs of the late Dr. Willm. Davis claim a Right to the Dockage, Wharfage & Morage of such Vessels as can lay in that lay in that Part of the Dock, that is before the Warehouses of the late







John Fayerweather Esq; but the same not appearing Clear to the Committee, they only say upon it, that when it shall appear they have such Right, an adequate Consideration should be made them, & which the Town will undoubtedly make to them — All which is humbly submitted by

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EZEKIEL GOLDTHWAIT  
JOHN SCOLLAY  
JOSEPH JACKSON  
JOSHUA BLANCHARD  
JOHN ROWE

the above Report having been voted, that the Consideration of the same be referred to the Annual Town Meeting in March next.

The Overseers of the Poor having represented to the Town the Difficulties they are under for Want of Money to support the Alms House, the Collectors of last Year not having yet taken the Books, It was

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be, & hereby is directed & empowered to borrow upon Interest for the Supply of the Almshouse, One thousand Pounds lawful Money for One Year, & that he give his negotiable Note or Notes for the same, which Note, or Notes are to be paid off upon the Receipt of the Money now due to this Town.

Voted, That all Matters & things that remain unfinished at this Meeting be & hereby are referred over to the Annual Town Meeting in March next.

Then the Meeting was dissolved —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall February 5<sup>th</sup> 1775 p Adjournment of the Port Bill Meeting.

Mr. Samuel Adams the Moderator of the Meeting being absent, & attending the Provincial Congress,

Mr. William Whitwell

was chosen Moderator Pro Tempore. —

Upon a Motion made

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 22<sup>d</sup>. instant 11 O'Clock Forenoon

And the Meeting was adjourned accordingly.

Town met according to Adjournment February 22<sup>d</sup> 1775 — 11 O'Clock A.M.

Upon a Motion made Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Day of March next, 9 O'Clock A.M.

[15.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, legally warned, at Faneuil Hall, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1775, by Adjournment of the Port Bill Meeting. —  
Mr. Samuel Adams Moderator.

The Committee appointed by the Town the 5<sup>th</sup>. of March last, to apply to a proper Gentleman to deliver an Oration, the 5<sup>th</sup>. of March Instant, to perpetuate the Memory of the horrid Massacre perpetrated on the Evening of the Fifth of March 1770 — by a Party of Soldiers, under the Order & Eye of Capt. Thomas Preston of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Regiment, Reported —

That having met together for the Purposes mentioned in the

Town's Vote, they had made Choice of Joseph Warren Esq. to deliver an Oration on the 6<sup>th</sup>. of March instant, who had accordingly accepted of said Service, —

The foregoing Report having been made by Mr. Samuel Adams, Chairman of the Committee — the Question was put — Whether the same shall be accepted — Passed in the Affirmative. —

Upon a Motion made, the Town took into Consideration what Time would be best for the Oration to be pronounced, as also the Place that would be most suitable for the Purpose — whereupon —

Voted, that the Oration be delivered at half past Eleven O'Clock, at the Old South Meeting House, the Hall not being capacious enough to contain the Inhabitants, that may attend upon this Occasion: the Committee of that Society having upon Application consented, that said Meeting House should be made Use of for this Service. —

Voted, that the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. John Hancock Esq.

Mr. Samuel Austin.

Mr. William Cooper

be a Committee to wait upon Joseph Warren Esq. & acquaint him, that it is the Desire of the Town, that the Oration may be delivered at the old South Meeting House, at half after 11 O'Clock this Forenoon. —

Upon a Motion made, Voted, that this Meeting be now adjourned to the Old South Meeting House, to meet there at half past Eleven O'Clock. —

[16.] The Town met according to Adjournment, at the Old South Meeting House half past 11 O'Clock A.M. —

The Committee appointed to wait on Joseph Warren Esq. to acquaint him with the Vote of the Town, respecting the Time and Place for the Delivery of an Oration —

Reported, that said Gentleman was ready to comply with the Orders of the Town made known to him by their Committee

Upon a Motion made, Voted, that there be a Collection made in this Meeting for Mr. Christopher Monk, a young Man, now languishing under a Wound he received in his Lungs, by a Shot from Preston's Butchering Party of Soldiers on the 5<sup>th</sup>. of March 1770 —

An Oration to commemorate the Horrid Massacre of the fifth of March 1770, & to impress on the Minds of the Citizens the ruinous Tendency of standing Armies being placed in free & populous Cities &c was delivered by Joseph Warren Esq. to a large and crowded Audience, & received by them with great Applause.

Upon a Motion made & seconded

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given to Joseph Warren Esq. for the Elegant & Spirited Oration delivered by him at their Request, in Commemoration of the horrid Massacre, perpetrated on the Evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>. of March 1770, by a Party of Soldiers, of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Regiment, under the Command of Capt. Thomas Preston Also — Voted, that

Mr. Samuel Adams

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. John Hancock Esq.

Benjamin Church Esq.

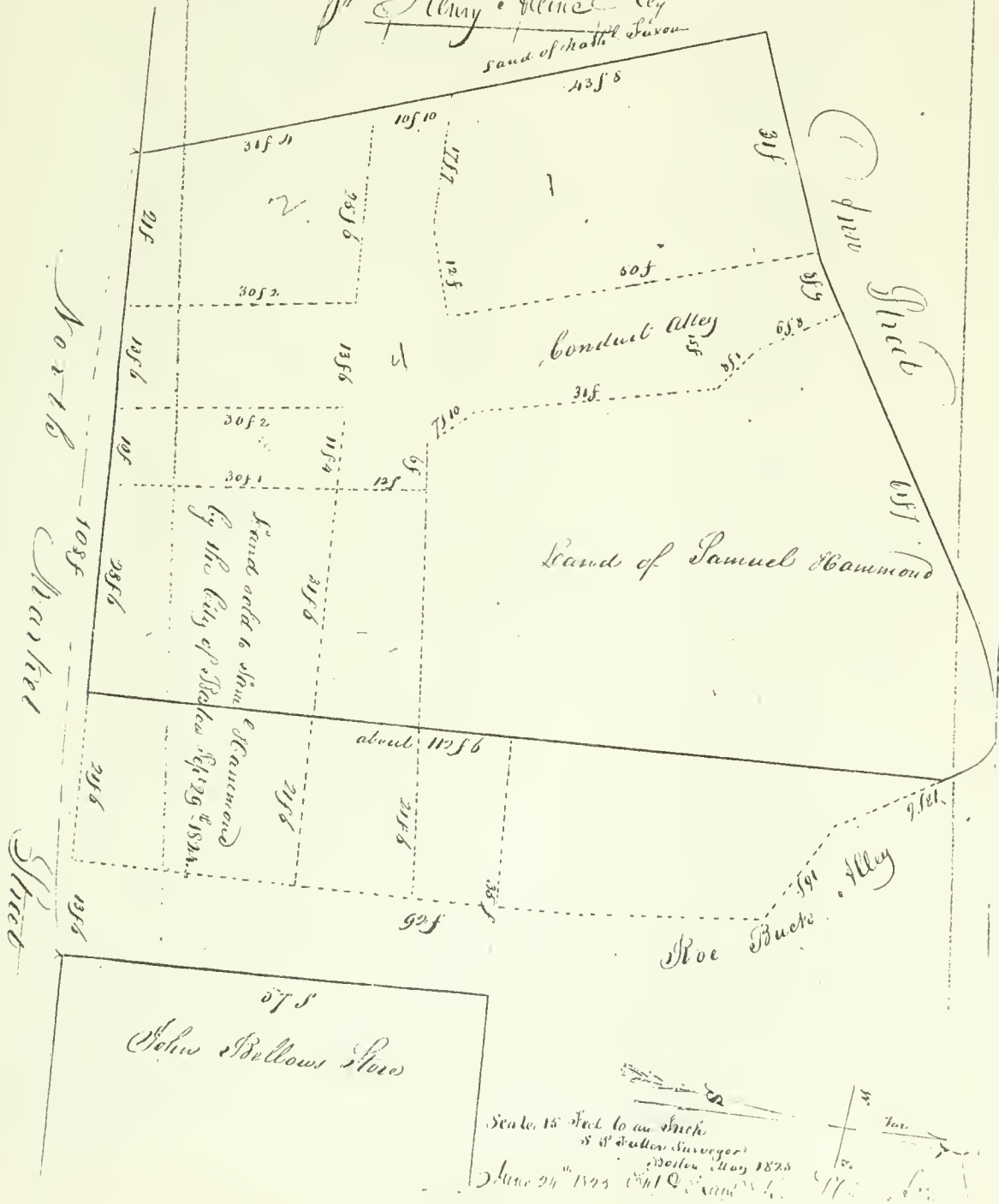
Mr. John Pitts







Witnesses to the Mayors Signature Charles Hammond  
 and J. F. Mc Bride Charles G. Loring Suffolk  
 Boston June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1825 Then Personally appeared the within  
 named Samuel Hammond & acknowledged the within written  
 instrument to be his free act and deed Before me Charles G.  
 Loring Just of Peace Suffolk Co. On the twenty third day of  
 June AD one thousand eight hundred & twenty five Personally  
 appeared Josiah Quincy within named, and acknowledged the within  
 instrument to be the free act and deed of the City of Boston Before  
 me Charles G. Loring Just of Peace June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1825 Received, Entered  
 & Examined for Henry C. Rice









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To all persons to whom these presents shall come  
 greeting - Know ye, that the City of Boston, in consid-  
 eration of the sum of five thousand Dollars paid by  
 Nathaniel Tison of said Boston, Containiner, the  
 right whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby  
 again, full, grant, quit claim and convey unto the  
 said Tison all the right title and interest which  
 is in the City of Boston and to all the land lying between  
 the North side of North Market Street and the  
 North or southerly line of said Tison's warehouse,  
 and is and is described as follows, to wit: Firstly-  
 a parcel of land, beginning at a point on North  
 Market Street one hundred & eight feet distant from  
 the West corner of John Belknap's warehouse,  
 and running Westward by North Market Street  
 unto six feet two inches, to a line drawn in continuation  
 the East side of a passage way from Market  
 square, so called, to Ann Street, between the  
 lots of said Nathaniel Tison & Amasa Stilson  
 then turning and running North or Northwesterly to  
 the edge or abutment of the wharf or abutment  
 directly built out into the Town Dock, in front  
 of said Tison's estate, where ever the same may  
 then turning and running Easterly by the edge  
 of said wharf or abutment about twenty four feet  
 more or less, to land sold by the City to Samuel  
 Hammond by deed dated the ninth of June A.D.  
 one thousand eight hundred & twenty five, and then  
 running and running Southerly by said Hammond's  
 lot to the point of beginning of North Market  
 Street. Secondly a parcel of land  
 lying at the North West corner of said

City of Boston

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The said warehouse and running Northwesterly by the  
 side of said Samuel Hammond to the edge or capside of  
 the said wharf, or abutment then turning & running  
 Westerly by the edge of said wharf about twenty  
 feet, more or less, to the East side of the line of the  
 passage way from Ann Street aforesaid, then turning  
 and running Northerly by the line of said passage  
 way to the South West corner of said Tazewell's ware-  
 house, then turning & running Easterly about twenty  
 three feet by the Northerly line of said Tazewell's  
 warehouse to the point of beginning, together with  
 the use of a strip of land adjoining the aforesaid  
 premises Westerly, as and for a passage way  
 in common with the inhabitants of the said  
 City, of the same width as the passage way in  
 common with the inhabitants of the said City,  
of the same width as the passage way between  
 said Tazewell and Stetson's estates to wit eight feet  
 and three inches, returning to the City, the use  
 of closing up said passage way, whenever the pro-  
 prietors of the passage way between said Tazewell  
 & Stetson's estates shall close up the same and all  
 other privileges and appurtenances to the same  
 premises belonging. And for further certainty  
 reference is hereby made to the plan annexed  
 To have and to hold the aforesaid  
 premises unto the said Nathaniel Tazewell.

And the words  
 underlined  
 being twice  
 written.







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Given and his heirs and assigns forever:—  
 And the said City of Boston doth hereby covenant  
 and with the said Tappan and his heirs and assigns,  
 that it is lawfully seized in fee simple of the  
 lot or parcel of land firstly above described;—  
 that the same is free from all incumbrances;—  
 that it hath good right to sell and convey the  
 same, and will forever warrant to defend the  
 same to the said Tappan and his heirs and assigns,  
 against the lawful claims and demands of all  
 persons.—and the City aforesaid doth further  
 covenant that it will forever warrant and defend  
 the lot or parcel of land secondly above described,  
 against all public and private rights of any over  
 the same, — but not otherwise. In testimony  
 whereof Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City of  
 Boston, for and in behalf of the same by virtue  
 of a resolve passed by the City Council on this  
 twenty third day of March last, hath set his  
 hand and caused the common Seal of the City  
 to hereunto affixed this third day of April  
 A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.  
 Josiah Quincy and a seal. Signed sealed and  
 delivered in presence of us — the words "City of the"  
 "We" to wit eight feet and three inches — being  
 first intended to be the words "the same"  
 "Stephen H. Hastings, Samuel Wm. May, Jr."







Suffolk. ss. April 4<sup>th</sup> 1826. Personally appeared  
 the above named Josiah Quincy, and acknowledged  
 this instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of  
 the City of Boston; Before me Samuel S. M.  
 Cleary, Justice of Peace, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1826. Herein  
 Entered and Examined J. Henry & Lincoln

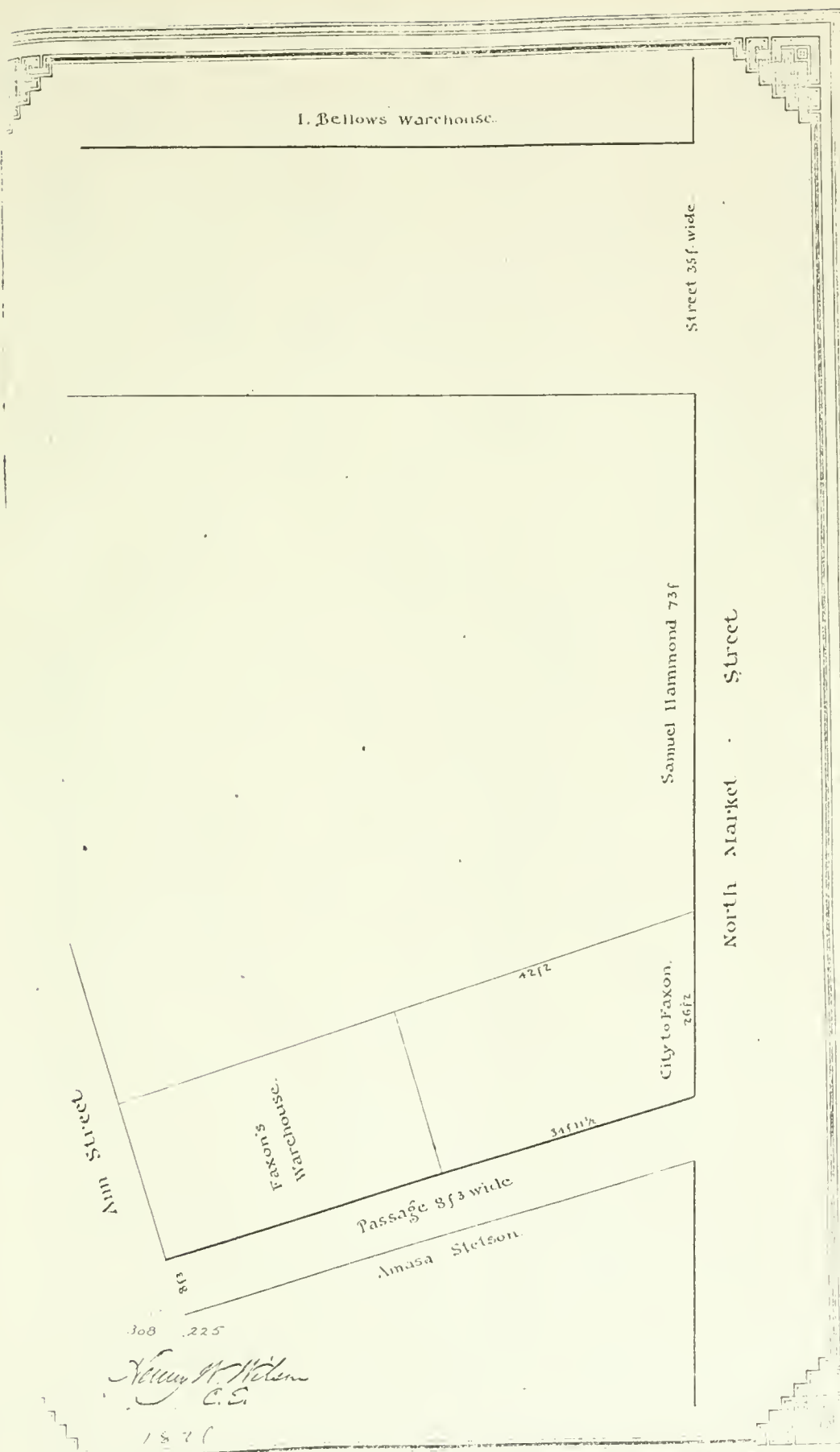
Faxon  
 to the  
 City of  
 Boston

Know all Men by these presents, that  
 I, Nathaniel Faxon of Boston, Grocer, in  
 consideration of Five Thousand Dollars, paid by,  
 The City of Boston the receipt whereof is herein  
 acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell  
 and convey unto the said City of Boston, all my  
 right, title and interest in and unto a certain  
 lot or parcel of land lying between the South  
 or Southly front of my warehouse in Dock  
 Square, so called, and South Market Street,  
 bounded and described as follows viz, beginning  
 at a point on North Market Street one hundred  
 & eight feet distant from the South West corner of  
 J. Bellow warehouse and running West by  
 said Street twenty six feet two inches to the  
 East side of, a for page way to Iron Street.









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I William Pierce of Boston in the County of 61.  
 Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hair-  
 dresser, aged between eighty nine and ninety years, do Deposition  
 testify and say, that I am, and from my youth have of  
 been familiarly acquainted with the estates on and Sp. Pierce  
 about the Town Dock, in Boston, when I was about eleven for  
 years old, I went to live as an apprentice to John Amasa  
 Adams to learn the trade of a Barber and Hairdresser Skelton  
 I served with John Adams about ten years, and until  
 I was twenty one years old, during all the time that  
 I was serving my apprenticeship, my Masters Shop was  
 on the Town Dock, on the Southeastly corner of an  
 estate then owned by, Col. Jacob Knap, and now  
 owned by, Amasa Skelton, that estate was bounded  
 Northerly on Ann Street, Southerly on the Town Dock,  
 and Easterly on a passage way, leading from Ann  
 Street to the Town Dock, or Market Square, as it  
 was afterwards called, Our Shop was at the corner  
 of said passage way & dock, after I became of age  
 I worked one year as a journeyman, and then opened  
 a shop for myself in Abnaw Street, next to where  
 Moses Grant now keeps a store, I kept in that shop  
 till the Lexington Battle, soon after which I removed  
 my family out of Town, and was sometimes on the  
 Concord River and in Cambridge, and elsewhere till  
 the British left Boston in the Spring of 1776, when  
 I returned to Boston & took possession of my former  
 shop, which I occupied for about four years more.  
 I then removed to Marshall's Lane where I have ever  
 since kept my house and shop and where I now  
 keep them.

Subscribed and sworn to  
 by







by Felix Sprague Esquire, Attorney to Amasa Hobson  
Esther Stager, and Rufus Stager,

1 Do you know an estate on Market Square and  
near Street, formerly belonging to James Pitts deceased,  
who occupied said estate when you lived with Mr Adams?  
Please to describe the wharf on the Northernly  
side of the Dock, and say how it was occupied?

Answer, I knew that estate when I lived with  
Adams, that estate was occupied by several persons, by  
Bennett and Capt Davis, and afterwards by Martin Baker  
it was about nineteen feet from the Southernly side of  
Pitts estate, on the Southernly door of this building to the  
opposite of the dock, opposite to Fawcett Hall Market  
the owners of the estates I have described, claimed to  
own the wharf Southernly of their buildings to the dock  
and also half way across the dock, and they and their  
tenants used to take wharfage for the use of the wharf  
and dockage of the boats that lay on the North of  
the centre of the dock, opposite to Pitts estate, the dock  
was about forty feet wide, and the tenants of Pitts  
used to take dockage for about twenty feet or one half  
of it, the dock was wide below, boats used to come up  
to the dock with wood and merchandise, which were  
landed on the wharves of Royall and Pitts aforesaid.  
Lighter loads of Firestones were often landed there and  
lay till they were sold to Country people who came  
took them from there, every owner on one Street of the  
estates I have described, claimed to own and occupy  
the space of the wharf to the dock, and one half of  
the dock opposite to their respective estates, as did also the  
adjacent owners on the Street. Your Boats often came  
into







into that dock and lay on the Northerly side of it 62.  
all the winter, for the purpose of vending oysters, the  
owners of these boats, paid for dockage, each one a  
shilling a day to the owners of the estates on the  
Northerly side opposite to which they lay, each owner  
on Ann Street, had notches cut in the aprons of the  
wharf on the line of his estate, and each took dockage  
and wharfage, of the oystermen whose boats lay against  
their respective estates, to accommodate each oyster boat  
an oyster bench was erected for the time being on the  
wharf by the side of the boat.

2<sup>d</sup> How and by whom was that wharf repaired?

Answer. The owners on Ann Street claimed to own and  
did occupy respectively as I have before stated, each  
across the wharf, and to the middle of the dock, and  
when the wharf was out of repair and required new  
gravel, woodwork or other repairs the repairs were made  
by the agreement of all the owners, and each one  
paid in proportion to the extent of his wharf.

3. Where was the passage for Trucks & carts from  
the Southerly side of Pitts Street to Ann Street.

Answer. The only way in which Trucks and carts could  
go from the Southerly side of Pitts Street to Ann Street  
was down over the wharves, and through the New Wharf  
passage way, the passage round by Greenleafs Store  
was only a foot way, it was too narrow for Trucks &  
carts the swing bridge across the dock opposite to Woodlands  
Store was only 4<sup>ft</sup> foot passages.

4. When was the Chain Lock filled up, and by whom was it  
filled. Answer. In 1761 the old Chain at Ball Market  
House was taken up, soon after at a Town Meeting it was  
resolved to fill it up.







voted to rebuild the Market House and also to fill  
 up the Town Dock, from to & by the passage way  
 from Ann Street, on the Eastern side of the old  
 River Bridge where I served my apprenticeship the  
 Market House was rebuilt and the Town Dock was  
 filled up at the same time in pursuance of said  
 votes of the Town — they were both finished accord-  
 ing to the best of my recollection in or about the year  
 1763. Afterwards, and during the revolutionary war, as  
 I believe by a vote of the town, the Town Dock was  
 filled up to the New Dock passage way, the first  
 part of the dock so filled up constitutes a part of  
 what has since been called Market Square. Soon after  
 the rebuilding of Faneuil Hall and the first filling  
 up of the Town Dock the Market Square was by order  
 of the Town surrounded by a rail fence, from that  
 fence to the Southwark side of Pitts store was about  
 eighteen feet, 5. Before the burning of Faneuil  
 Hall in 1780, who owned the South side of the Town  
 Dock where it was filled up, and how was it occupied  
 Answer it belonged to the Town, there was a row of stores  
 built before my remembrance, which stood on piles over  
 the Southern half of the dock extending Northward to the  
 centre of the dock the Southern side of these stores rested  
 on the capill of the wharf on the Southern side of  
 the dock, the Town owned these stores & leased them  
 those stores were burnt with Faneuil Hall in 1781, in-  
 terrogatories by C. S. Austin Esq Attorney for the City of Boston  
 1. How old were you, were you when you went to  
 practice, Answer I was ten years old. How wide was  
 the dock adjacent to the estate where you served your  
 apprenticeship.







Answer, From the sill of the door to the capitt 63.  
 of the wharf it was about twenty feet, the dock op-  
 posite to the shop where I sold my apprenticeship  
 was about forty feet wide. Q. How do you know that  
 the shutters on the dock received wharfage and dockage W.P.  
 Answer I know that the captains of the Boats told  
 me that they paid dockage and wharfage to the owners  
 of the estates opposite, I have no other knowledge of  
 the fact. 4. In what manner was the dock occupied, i.e.  
 what kind of vessels, above the swing bridge on the  
 North side, Oyster boats used to come and lie scows used  
 to bring goods up there, 5. What kinds of business  
 were carried on in the houses of Pitts, Royal & the  
 Tylers, begin with Pitts. Answer Pitts House was oc-  
 cupied as a dwelling house occupied by Bennett after-  
 wards Capt Davis occupied it as a dwelling house &  
 let the shop part on Ann Street to a Hatter, the next  
 estate Easterly was occupied by Tilley as a Tavern,  
 the next estate was Royals, Royal occupied the shop on  
 Ann Street as an English Grocers Shop, Ephraim Copeland  
 a Tailor occupied a part of it our shop was in it.  
 William Tott sold fish linens in one chamber Joseph  
 Tyler occupied his estate as a Hardware Store, Royal Tyler  
 occupied his house as a dwelling house he also had a  
 shop and sold Hardware Queen Tyler occupied the time  
 next next to the Roe Duck shop was as a dwelling  
 house & Hardware Shop 6. What kinds of merchandise  
 have you seen on the wharf opposite to Pitts estate  
 Answer, When Bennett lived there, I have seen him  
 land woolen & put it into his cellar, in the winter  
 wood was landed, to air the goods brought there for







his family use & set Lovett kept a shop there & there. No. 12. It used to go to sea as a wharf for export. He occupied the estate as a dwelling house & used to bring him sugar, molasses & West India produce & store it in this cellar. When was the passage way round by Greenleaf's store widened so as to admit of carts and trucks passing there to run Street & Union Street. Answer After the first filling up of the dock.

2. How do you know that the masons Messrs Pitts & Royal & Co by agreement contributed to the repairs of the wharf? Answer I saw the men quarrying & doing the masonry the same men did this work by the several states & I heard the masons, Pitts, Royal & Co say that they each paid his proportion. 10. How much of the wharf was covered with merchandise. Answer they used to have goods on the wharf against their estates but they did not extend far back till they were taken away by the owners. 11. How trucks & carts were brought up to Pitts building on the South side of it before the first filling up of the dock. Answer Before the first filling up of the dock, trucks and carts used to come up through the Roe Buck passage way, and as far as Pitts Store they used often to back up, sometimes they turned on the wharf there were but few that came up.

Additional interrogatories by Mr Sprague.

1. Was Mr. Lovett's Store ever extended towards the dock and how near to the capitol? Answer Since two or three years before the Revolutionary war, Mr. Lovett built a store extending across the wharf to the capitol of the dock. Lovett's Store was below the Roe Buck passage way.

2. How near the State cart below Pitts & Co's Store the







the estate between that, & Ed. Royals, & who occupied 64.  
 there. Answer The next estate below Pitts, belonged  
 to Pitts & Hall; it was a double house & belonged to  
 Royals, it was occupied by Tilley as a Tavern. Q -  
 After the dock was filled up there was the space which  
 had been filled up occupied & answer It was sailed in  
 by the shore. Against Adams Barber's Shop, & thence up  
 by Pitts store the fence was put about over where the  
 capwell of the wharf on the North side of the dock  
 had been, above there & around the feather store, the  
 fence stood a little on what had been the dock, so  
 as to widen the foot way to a cartway. Q. What  
 kinds of boats and craft used to come up the dock  
 as far as Royals & Tilley's Tavern? Answer All kinds  
 of boats, such as Lighters with wood, Irish Boats, Boats  
 with goods & produce, Cyster Boats &c. &c. William  
 Pierce, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Suf-  
 folk ss. City of Boston, this twelfth day of May, in the  
 year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Five  
 personally appeared before us, the subscribers two Justices  
 of the Peace, in & for the County of Suffolk Lawrence Warr  
 the aforesaid defendant, and after being carefully examined  
 and duly cautioned to testify the whole truth and nothing  
 but the truth, made oath that the foregoing deposition by him  
 subscribed is true, taken at the request of Amasa Pitson of  
 Rochester in the County of Norfolk Esquire, Esther Thayer Wit-  
 ne, and Rufus Thayer Notary Public in said County  
 of Norfolk to be preserved in perpetuity in evidence of  
 the thing, and we duly notified the City of Boston  
 and Charles P. Curtis attendant as attorney for said















That M<sup>rs</sup> J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> would, by Letters  
 under the great Seal of the said City of London, and  
 in other substantial and convenient Words, direct, com-  
 mand, and give power unto the said Mayor, Aldermen,  
 and Common Council, his heirs and assigns, to the  
 right, title and interest which the said City of Lon-  
 don can have in a certain parcel or tract of land  
 lying in part of said Warhouse, and between that  
 and the said north side line of North Market Street  
 bounded as follows, to wit: by a line beginning  
 at a point on North Market Street, at the distance  
 of eight foot six inches from the South eastern  
 corner of the Warhouse of Nathaniel Taper, then  
 running by said Street to a point opposite to the mid-  
 dle of the partition wall between that and the ad-  
 joining Warhouse owned by said Nelson and the de-  
 scendants of Thomas Dwyer, thence to the middle of said  
 wall, and thence along the feet of said Warhouse  
 till it arrives at a point distant eight foot three  
 inches from the eastern wall of said Taper's War-  
 house, thence to the point of beginning, together  
 with all privileges and appurtenances thereto by  
 law. So M<sup>r</sup> C and to M<sup>r</sup> C the grantee providing  
 to the said Nelson, his heirs and assigns, to this sol-  
 emn power. And the said City of London, in the  
 considerations aforesaid, doth covenant with the  
 said Nelson, his heirs and assigns, that the said pa-  
 rcel of land is free from all incumbrances whatsoever  
 made or supposed by the said City, and that no offi-  
 cer or persons whatsoever has or have any right  
 claim, title or interest or estate, or any manner  
 of service in or to the said land, and that the said City of







James Marant and Deputie the said law to 50.  
 the said Nelson, his heirs and assigns, from and  
 against the lawful claims and demands of all  
 persons. In Testimony Whereof, the said City  
 has caused the before seal to be affixed hereto, this  
 fourteenth day of September A.D. eighteen hun-  
 dred and thirty eight. Sam<sup>l</sup>. A. Elliot, Mayor,  
 and a seal. Signed, sealed & delivered in presence  
 of J. F. W. Clary. Suffolk ss. Boston Sept 10  
 1838. The above named Samuel A. Elliot, Mayor  
 of the City of Boston, acknowledged the foregoing  
 instrument by him subscribed, to be the free act  
 and deed of said City. Before me, Samuel  
 F. W. Clary, Just. Pac. ——— I hereby declare  
 that the true intent & meaning of the within deed  
 is to describe the premises released, that the east  
 run line of the Warehouse owned by me, when con-  
 tinued to north market street, shall be parallel  
 with and at the distance of eight feet and three  
 inches from the westerly line of said Jagers Place.  
 Witness my hand & seal this twenty second day  
 of January A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty nine.  
 Amasa Nelson, and a seal. In presence of  
 Charles F. Sarge. Suffolk ss. 22 Jan'y. 1839.  
 Then the above named Amasa Nelson personally  
 appeared & acknowledged the above instrument to  
 be his free act & deed. Before me, Charles F. Sarge.  
 In C. of Deeds. — January 28. 1839. at Salem. Pa. at  
 12 M. W. McNamee, J. C. Clary & Amos C. City

W. McNamee, Clerk of the Court of Deeds  
 in City of Salem, to (for) Amos C. City







of Thomas, deceased. In the last will and testament of said John of the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Virginia, is the name of one half part, and John Singer the widow, and Rufus Singer, the son and devisees under the will of Rufus Singer late of Randolph, in the County of Henrico, Henrico, and the comes each of an undivided fourth part of a parcel of land in said City with two warehouses thereon standing, bounded north by Ann Street, Eastwardly by land now warehouse of said Helen, Southwardly by Market square formerly so called, and Westwardly by land now a lot of J. S. Tills, deceased. And the said parties also claim in like manner to be likewise entitled to the tract of land lying in front of the said warehouses, and between them and the Northern line of North Market Street. And the said City also alleges title to the said last named parcel of land to the principal part thereof. And arrangements have been entered into for the adjustment of this and other matters in controversy between the parties. And in furtherance thereof, it was agreed that the said City should execute and deliver to them a Deed of release and quit-claim of all right, title, and interest which the said City has or may have in the said last named parcel of land, and with covenants of warranty against all claims and demands of all other persons whatsoever, in order that the said parties, their heirs and assigns, may be fully protected in building upon, and in the enjoyment of the said last named land without fear of hindrance or molestation.







Therefore Know Ye, that the said City of Boston, 51.  
 in consideration of the premises, and of one dollar,  
 and for other valuable considerations, doth hereby  
 grant, remise, release and quitclaim, unto the said  
 John, his heirs and assigns, one undivided moiety,  
 and unto the said Esther Thayer, and her heirs and  
 assigns, one undivided fourth part, and unto the  
 said Rufus Thayer, his heirs and assigns, the other  
 undivided fourth part of all the right, title and  
 interest and estate, which the said City of Boston  
 has or can have in or to that parcel or tract of  
 land lying in front of said warehouses, and  
 between the same and the said wattleby line  
 of North Market Street, bounded and measuring  
 as follows, by a line drawn Southwardly from the  
 middle, and in continuation of the partition  
 wall dividing said warehouse from the warehouse  
 of the said John, lying Easterwardly thereof to the  
 said street: thence by said street till it arrives  
 at a point opposite to the middle of the parti-  
 tion wall dividing the warehouse of the grantors  
 from that now a late of said Peter, thence to the  
 middle of the last named partition wall, and  
 thence by the front of said warehouse to the place  
 of beginning: together with all privileges and ap-  
 purtenances thereto belonging. To M<sup>r</sup> and to  
 M<sup>rs</sup> the grantors promises to the said John  
 and Esther Thayer and Rufus Thayer, their respec-  
 tive heirs and assigns according to the right, title  
 and estate to them respectively, grant as aforesaid  
 to their sole use forever. W<sup>it</sup> be the said City of  
 Boston, in the consideration of premises, doth covenant







with the said Helen, Esther Thayer and Augustus, their heirs assigns, that the said parcel of land is free of all incumbrances whatsoever, made or suffered by the said City, and that neither, nor any of them have any lawful claim, title or interest in, upon or over said land, and that the City shall and will forever Warrant and Defend the same to the said Helen, Esther Thayer and Augustus Thayer, their respective heirs and assigns with parties aforesaid, from and against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. The Testimony whereof, the said City has caused the Corporate Seal to be hereunto attached, this fourth day of September A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty eight. Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of S. T. M. Cleary. Suffolk Co. Vt. Dated, September 14. 1838. The above named Samuel O. Elliot, Mayor of the City of Dulon acknowledged the foregoing Instrument by him subscribed to be the free act and deed of said City. Before me, Samuel T. M. Cleary, Just. Peace. January 28. 1839. at 30 min. past 1 P.M. Reading, Rutland County. J. H. May & C. W. May

South Cove I now all show by these Presents, that  
 Corporation that the South Cove Corporation, a Corporation  
 to established by the authority of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts, in consideration of nine thousand  
 Six hundred and seventy nine dollars <sup>79</sup> paid by  
 David R. Griggs of Boston in the County of Suffolk  
 and Commonwealth aforesaid. Michael T. May  
 when of & hereby acknowledged, does hereby















the Northwesterly side of the premises bounded Northwesterly with  
the line of part of said seventh lot, being fifteen chains and fifty  
links wide at the Northwesterly end, and from thence running South-  
westerly in a straight line forty eight chains and forty four  
links to a stake and from thence running Southwesterly at right  
angles with the side line fifteen chains and eight links to a stake  
and from thence running Northwesterly a straight line so  
far as to make the Northwesterly end fifteen chains and fifty eight links  
wide as above said where is also a stake and from thence all the land  
included in the above said lines and distances is in full of the said  
Daniel Fox's part and share of the premises. And the said Ezra Blake  
and Henry Fox their heirs and assigns shall be utterly excluded &  
forever barred of any part or share therein by these presents, and  
all the remainder of the divided premises lying Southwesterly  
Southwesterly of the two last mentioned lines is in full of the part &  
share of the premises belonging to the said Ezra Blake & Henry  
Fox their heirs and assigns: and the said Daniel Fox his heirs  
and assigns shall be utterly excluded and forever barred of any  
part or share therein by these presents. In Witness whereof  
the said Parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and  
seals this day and year first at aforesaid.  
Ezra Blake and a seal. Henry Fox and a seal. Signed sealed  
and Delivered in the presence of Attest Jeremiah G. B. Esq.  
Secy. - Sufficiently thoughten, Witness: 21. 7. 66. The above named  
Ezra Blake and Henry Fox personally appeared in and acknow-  
ledged the above written instrument to be their free act & deed.  
Before Joseph Stearns Justice July 31. 1866 Received and  
accordingly entered & recorded.

J. Ezekiel Goldthwait Secy.

Suckers  
Lithgow  
Lithgow  
This Indenture made the fifth day  
of December in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord  
George King of Great Britain & France, Edward of Brunswick  
hundred and seventh, for and to the use of the said  
County of Suffolk in the County of London, the one part.







Jonathan Jackson of Boston a free and lawful citizen of the said county of Suffolk  
 do hereby certify that he did formerly purchase of John  
 his well late of Boston a free and lawful citizen of the said county of Suffolk  
 or Town with the appurtenances as set out the land and ground under  
 the same and adjacent the catch belonging and adjoining (now in the  
 present tenure and occupation of John the said John Jackson)  
 situate lying and being near unto the head of our drain deck  
 commonly called Brendell's dock or the Green dock in Boston  
 the said being built and bounded in the deed the way is  
 viz & North easterly by the Green street, North westerly by the wharf  
 in the present tenure and occupation of Nathaniel Jackson  
 his heirs South westerly and South easterly upon the said dock and  
 South westerly upon the house and ground of Joseph George & his heirs  
 he do hereby the possession of Joseph Smith Junior or rather the  
 bounded or reputed to be bounded: measuring in breadth at the  
 front upon the said street from the said George's land to the said  
 wharf in a straight line sixty six feet or thereabouts and in length  
 at the North end beyond from the said street by the front mentioned  
 wharf to the aforesaid dock fifty eight feet or thereabouts and in  
 length upon the said dock up to the house and land of said George  
 is by two feet or thereabouts, and from thence to run upon a  
 North westerly line by the said George's house thirty feet or thereabouts  
 and from thence to run upon a North westerly line to the Green street  
 by the house and land of said George's heirs and of his heirs  
 together with all and singular the housing edifices buildings  
 structures and fences standing upon the said dock and upon the  
 lands thereunto adjoining water thereunto and wharfage wharves  
 wharves and all other appurtenances and whatsoever to the said granted &  
 bargain and purchase by the said deed bearing  
 date the sixth day of January Anno Domini 1809 and the  
 then being heard with men fully apprized that to say the  
 said John Jackson his heirs and assigns the same shall  
 the only and sole part of the aforesaid the said land and wharf &  
 wharves and the other wharves or boats and the wharves  
 which his heirs and assigns shall have and the wharves and  
 the said John Jackson his heirs and assigns shall have and the wharves and







the other half Indian part thereof and to the use of the said Jonathan  
 Jackson his heirs and assigns forever for the other moiety & half  
 Indian part: And whereas the above mentioned parties have mutually  
 consented and agreed to divide and partition the said Indian  
 or Indian divided and partition of the said land. His majesty or  
 his lieutenant under charge and promise in substance equal justice  
 and equity to the said intent and purpose that to the said John De laune  
 his heirs and assigns the one part and the said Jonathan  
 Jackson his heirs and assigns the other part might forever have  
 held possessed enjoyed their said several moiety parts of forever in  
 manner and form following: viz that the said John De laune his  
 heirs and assigns should have held use possessed and enjoyed in full  
 of his moiety and half part of the said Indian or Indian divided  
 and promise as it is that Southwesterly part thereof divided by a  
 line beginning at the middle of the said front running Southwesterly  
 thro the middle of said. His majesty or his lieutenant under charge  
 there it runs on a front line South a little more Easterly to the  
 aforesaid dock seven or eight feet from the Southeast corner  
 said wharf; and that the said Jonathan Jackson his heirs  
 assigns should have held use possessed and enjoyed all the South-  
 easterly part of the aforesaid Indian or Indian divided and promise  
 and promise on the other side of the aforesaid line as they  
 descent in full of his moiety and half part the promises as by  
 the last of the said indenture plain clearly appear. And  
 this order was given for the satisfaction and confirmation  
 of the aforesaid division and partition that the said John De laune  
 his heirs and assigns should have held use possessed and enjoyed  
 and absolutely grant Release Assigns Enjoyed satisfy His majesty  
 unto the said Jonathan Jackson his heirs and assigns forever  
 all that Northwesterly part as is mentioned of the said Indian  
 land wharf and promise as it is divided by the line last  
 described. Together with all the rights and privileges thereunto  
 standing the same rights privileges and franchises thereunto  
 belonging in full of all their moiety of the whole premises above  
 mentioned: with all the right title interest claim the premises  
 claim or demand whatsoever that the said John De laune  
 of







of in or to the same I have hold me occupy possess and Enjoy. A8  
 unto him the said Jonathan Jackson his heirs and assigns who his  
 and their own proper use and before forever and the said John  
 I leave for himself his heirs heirs and assigns doth covenant  
 promise and grant at all time or times hereafter forever to  
 warrant maintain and defend the said Jonathan Jackson  
 his heirs and assigns in the quiet and peaceable possession and  
 enjoyment of the aforementioned whole and half part of the meadow  
 water divided and set out to him against himself his heirs  
 Executors assigns and all and every other person or persons  
 lawfully claiming Right Title or Interest therein hereafter  
 under him. In Witness whereof the said John I have here  
 to this Indenture on his part put his hand and seal the day and  
 year first above written. John I have here and seal. Signed  
 sealed and delivered in the presence of us John Dietrich  
 Judge. In Suffolk County March the 21<sup>st</sup> 1725. John I have  
 personally appeared before me the Justice of the Peace of his Majesty  
 Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid & acknowledged  
 the within written Instrument to be his voluntary act  
 and Deed. Saml. Chalkley. In Test. 17<sup>th</sup> 1725. Received and  
 accordingly Entered and Recorded.

J. Ezek. Goldthwait Reg<sup>ro</sup>

To all People whom I have here  
 these presents shall come Jonathan Jackson of the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Merchant and Oliver Wendell of Boston in the County of Suffolk in said Province Merchant and they his wife and jointing  
 to witte that in the said Jonathan Jackson Oliver & Mary Wendell  
 for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and eighty pounds  
 lawfull money to him here before the sealing hereof well and  
 truly paid by John I have here and they his wife and jointing  
 have given the Receipt relative debenture and bill of exchange  
 Bargained sold conveyed and assigned and they have here to







In Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, November 24, 1925 Ordered: That due notice be given, that this Board is of the opinion that, in said city, a public improvement should be made, consisting of the widening and construction of Dock Square, Faneuil Hall Square and adjacent streets, Boston Proper district as highways substantially as shown on a plan in the office of this Board, that it intends to pass an order for making said improvement and that it appoints 11 o'clock A.M. of December 9, 1925 and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter. A true copy of an order passed by said Board on said day. ATTEST Joseph M. Sullivan Secretary

In Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston December 22, 1925 Ordered That this Board having passed the order or notice relating to the public improvement hereinafter described, and having caused a copy of said order to be published November 27, 28 1925 and November 30, December 1, 1925 in the Boston Globe and the Boston Transcript two daily newspapers published in the City of Boston, and in the City Record of November 23, December 5, 1925 and having given the public hearing, notice of which was given in said order and being of the opinion that public convenience so requires, does hereby order the making in said city of the public improvements shown on a plan, marked "City of Boston Dock Sq., Faneuil Hall Sq., Union St., Boston Proper July 29, 1925 Wm. J. Sullivan Chief Engineer Street Laying-out Dept." deposited in the office of the Street Laying-out Department of said city and named bounded and described as follows: The highways named Dock Square, Faneuil Hall Square and Union Street are hereby widened and ordered constructed. For the making of the aforesaid improvement an easement for street purposes is taken in the following described land exclusive of trees or structures standing upon or affixed thereto: A parcel of land supposed to belong to Herbert M. Sears et al Trustees situated on Washington street and Dock square bounded: Southwesterly by Washington street, forty-four and 50/100 feet; northwesterly by other land supposed to belong to said trustees, twenty-one and 74/100 feet; northeasterly by the same five and 11/100 feet; northwesterly by the same seven and 37/100 feet; northeasterly by the same thirty one and 51/100 feet; southeasterly by Dock Square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, by two measurements, eleven and 32/100 feet and twenty-one and 87/100 feet; southwesterly by the same six and 97/100 feet; containing thirteen hundred and eighty six square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Herbert M. Sears et al Trustees situated on Dock square bounded: South-

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easterly by Dock square as said square existed at the time of the pas-  
 sage of this order, twenty-three and  $60/100$  feet; southwesterly by  
 other land supposed to belong to said trustees thirty-one and  $61/100$   
 feet; southeasterly by the same seven and  $57/100$  feet; southwesterly  
 by the same five and  $41/100$  feet; northwesterly by the same twenty-  
 six and  $52/100$  feet and northeasterly by the same nineteen and  $25/100$   
 feet containing five hundred and fifty-five square feet more or less.  
 A parcel of land supposed to belong to Herbert M. Sears et al Trustees  
 situated on Dock Square, bounded Southwesterly by Dock square as said  
 square existed at the time of the passage of this order, seventeen and  
 $88/100$  feet; southwesterly by other land supposed to belong to said  
 trustees nineteen and  $25/100$  feet; northwesterly by the same twenty-  
 one and  $6/100$  feet; northeasterly by land supposed to belong to Pauline  
 S. Penno et al Trustees five and  $10/100$  feet; containing two hundred  
 and fifteen square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to be-  
 long to Pauline S. Penno et al Trustees bounded: Southeasterly by Dock  
 square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order  
 six and  $43/100$  feet; southwesterly by land supposed to belong to Her-  
 bert M. Sears et al Trustees five and  $10/100$  feet; northwesterly by  
 other land supposed to belong to Pauline S. Penno et al Trustees seven  
 and  $59/100$  feet; containing sixteen square feet more or less. A par-  
 cel of land supposed to belong to Augustus Hemenway et al Trustees,  
 situated on Dock Square bounded Southwesterly by Dock square as said  
 square existed at the time of the passage of this order forty-one and  
 $25/100$  feet; southwesterly by the same twenty-two and  $50/100$  feet;  
 northwesterly by other land supposed to belong to said trustees, forty  
 one and  $20/100$  feet; and northwesterly by the same twenty-two and  $50/100$   
 feet; containing nine hundred and twenty-three square feet more or less.  
 A parcel of land supposed to belong to Augustus Hemenway et al Trustees  
 situated on Dock square and Fenwick Hall square bounded: Easterly by  
 Fenwick Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage  
 of this order eleven and  $2/100$  feet; southeasterly by other land sup-  
 posed to belong to said trustees twenty-two and  $33/100$  feet; north-  
 easterly by the same one foot; southeasterly by the same forty-one  
 and  $25/100$  feet; southwesterly by Dock Square as said square existed  
 at the time of the passage of this order eighteen and  $95/100$  feet;  
 northwesterly by the same twenty-nine and  $50/100$  feet; northeasterly  
 by land supposed to belong to Moses Shapiro by two measurements nine-  
 teen and  $20/100$  feet and thirteen and  $40/100$  feet; northwesterly by  
 the same eight and  $29/100$  feet; and northwesterly by the same twenty-







three and 25/100 feet; containing fifteen hundred and sixty square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Moses Shapiro, situated on Dock square and Faneuil Hall square bounded: Easterly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, twelve and 60/100 feet; southeasterly by land supposed to belong to Augustus Hemenway et al Trustees twenty-three and 25/100 feet; southwesterly by the same eight and 29/100 feet; southwesterly by the same by two measurements thirteen and 40/100 feet and nineteen and 20/100 feet; northwesterly by Dock square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order twenty-three and 60/100 feet; northeasterly by land supposed to belong to Bentley W. Warren Trustee, forty-six and 60/100 feet; and southeasterly by Faneuil Hall square, as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order 57/100 feet; containing ten hundred and ninety-seven square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Bentley W. Warren Trustee, situated on Dock square and Faneuil Hall square bounded: southeasterly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, eighteen and 73/100 feet; southwesterly by land supposed to belong to Moses Shapiro forty-six and 60/100 feet; northwesterly by Dock square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order twenty-three and 50/100 feet; and northeasterly by unnamed street as said street existed at the time of the passage of this order, fifty-six and 53/100 feet; containing ten hundred and thirty-nine square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Augustus Hemenway et al Trustees situated on Dock square and Faneuil Hall square bounded: Northeasterly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty-three and 50/100 feet; southeasterly by Dock square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order eighteen and 33/100 feet; southwesterly by other land supposed to belong to said Trustees, twenty-three and 50/100 feet; and northwesterly by the same twenty-two and 33/100 feet; containing four hundred and seventy-eight square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Anna M. Barry situated on Exchange Street and Dock square bounded: Northwesterly by Dock square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, thirty-three and 90/100 feet; northeasterly by land supposed to belong to William J. Stober thirty-three and 54/100 feet; southwesterly by other land supposed to belong to said Barry thirty-eight and 95/100 feet; and westerly by Exchange Street as said street existed at the time of the passage of this order, ten feet; containing seven hundred and forty one square feet more or less.







A parcel of land supposed to belong to William J. Stober situated on Dock square bounded Northeastly by Dock square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty and  $5/100$  feet; north-easterly by land supposed to belong to Federal Development Co., forty-seven and  $7/100$  feet; southwesterly by other land supposed to belong to the said Stober, twenty-two and  $15/100$  feet; and westerly by land supposed to belong to Anna H. Barry thirty-three and  $54/100$  feet; containing seven hundred and ninety three square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Federal Development Co., situated on Dock square and Faneuil Hall square bounded: Northeastly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, by two measurements forty-three and  $95/100$  feet and twenty-three and  $48/100$  feet; northwesterly by Dock square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, forty-one and  $12/100$  feet; westerly by the same  $21/100$  feet; northwesterly by the same fifteen and  $56/100$  feet; westerly by land supposed to belong to William J. Stober, forty-seven and  $7/100$  feet; southwesterly by other land supposed to belong to Federal Development Co., thirty seven and  $81/100$  feet; easterly by land supposed to belong to Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., eleven and  $80/100$  feet and southeasterly by the same by two measurements twenty-five feet and three and  $18/100$  feet; containing thirty-eight hundred and nine square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., situated on Faneuil Hall square bounded: Northly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order fifteen and  $5/100$  feet easterly by other land supposed to belong to said company twenty-three and  $57/100$  feet; southwesterly by the same forty and  $22/100$  feet; westerly by land supposed to belong to Federal Development Co., eleven and  $80/100$  feet; and northwesterly by the same by two measurements twenty-five feet and three and  $18/100$  feet containing six hundred and eighty-eight square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., situated on Faneuil Hall square and Change avenue bounded: Northly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty five feet; easterly by Change avenue as said avenue existed at the time of the passage of this order twenty-nine and fifty-five/ $100$  feet; southwesterly by other land supposed to belong to said company twenty-seven and  $24/100$  feet and westerly by the same twenty-three and  $57/100$  feet containing six hundred and eighty-seven square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed







to belong to the President and fellows of Harvard College situated on Faneuil Hall square, Corn court and Change avenue bounded: Northerly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty six and 96/100 feet; easterly by Corn court as said court existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty four and 98/100 feet; southerly by other land supposed to belong to said President and fellows of Harvard College twenty-seven and 50/100 feet; and westerly by Change avenue as said avenue existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty-five and 17/100 feet; containing six hundred and eighty-two square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Moses Shapiro situated on Faneuil Hall square and Corn court bounded: Northerly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty-three and 60/100 feet; easterly by land supposed to belong to John F. Cronin twenty-four and 99/100 feet; southerly by other land supposed to belong to said Shapiro twenty three and 33/100 feet and westerly by Corn court as said court existed at the time of the passage of this order twenty-four and 56/100 feet; containing five hundred and eighty one square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to John F Cronin situated on Faneuil Hall square bounded: Northerly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, thirty-two and 25/100 feet; easterly by land supposed to belong to William J. Stober, by two measurements twelve and 37/100 feet and thirteen and 41/100 feet; southerly by other land supposed to belong to said Cronin thirty-one and 82/100 feet and westerly by land supposed to belong to Moses Shapiro, twenty-four and 99/100 feet containing eight hundred and eight square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to William J. Stober situated on Faneuil Hall square bounded Northerly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty four and 15/100 feet; easterly by land supposed to belong to Massachusetts General Hospital twenty-three and 91/100 feet; southerly by other land supposed to belong to said Stober twenty-four and 69/100 feet; and westerly by land supposed to belong to John F. Cronin by two measurements thirteen and 41/100 feet and twelve and 44/100 feet; containing six hundred and nine square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Massachusetts General Hospital, situated on Faneuil Hall square bounded Northerly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order nineteen and 23/100 feet; easterly by the same nineteen and 64/100 feet; southerly by other land supposed to belong to said hospital sixteen and 70/100







feet and westerly by land supposed to belong to William J. Steber, twenty-three and 91/100 feet; containing three hundred and eighty-four square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Heirs of James D. Casey situated on Faneuil Hall square unnamed street and North street bounded: Northerly by North Street as said street existed at the time of the passage of this order, thirty and 83/100 feet; easterly by other land supposed to belong to said Heirs, fifty one and 48/100 feet; southerly by Faneuil Hall square as said square existed at the time of the passage of this order nine and 26/100 feet; and westerly by unnamed street, as said street existed at the time of the passage of this order, fifty and 23/100 feet; containing nine hundred and sixty-eight square feet more or less. A parcel of land supposed to belong to Charles F. Adams 2d et al Trustees of the Boston Real Estate Trust situated on North street and Union street bounded Westerly by Union street as said street existed at the time of the passage of this order, ninety-two and 32/100 feet; southwesterly by a curved line forming the junction of Union and North streets as said street existed at the time of the passage of this order, twenty-two and 2/100 feet on a curve of fifteen feet radius; southerly by North street as said street existed at the time of the passage of this order, fourteen and 6/100 feet; and easterly by other land supposed to belong to said Trustees one hundred and five and 35/100 feet; containing fourteen hundred and forty-eight square feet more or less. REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS Trees or structures standing upon or affixed to the aforesaid described lands shall be removed therefrom within sixty days following the notice of the city's intention to enter upon said lands for the purpose of constructing said improvement. Said Dock square as hereby widened is bounded and described as follows: Westerly by Washington street by two measurements forty-four and 50/100 feet and eighty one and 50/100 feet southerly by the southerly line of said Dock square as hereby widened by three measurements twenty-six and 87/100 feet, twenty-four and 15/100 feet and ninety eight and 91/100 feet; easterly by the easterly line of said Dock square as hereby widened by two measurements one hundred nine and 50/100 feet and forty-seven and 12/100 feet; southeasterly by the southeasterly line of said Dock square as hereby widened by two measurements nineteen and 30/100 feet and sixty one feet; easterly by the easterly line of said Dock square as hereby widened eighty-three and 41/100 feet; northwesterly by the northwesterly line of said Dock square as hereby widened by two measurements fourteen and 6/100 feet and ninety-nine feet westerly by the westerly







line of said Dock square as hereby widened by three measurements twenty eight and  $57/100$  feet seventy-one and  $20/100$  feet and eleven and  $55/100$  feet and northerly by the northerly line of said Dock square as hereby widened seventy-six and  $91/100$  feet. Said Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened is bounded and described as follows: Southerly by the southerly line of Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened by two measurements seventy-three and  $59/100$  feet and one hundred forty one and  $84/100$  feet westerly by the westerly line of said Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened two and  $49/100$  feet; southerly by the southerly line of said Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened twenty-two and  $98/100$  feet; easterly by the easterly line of said Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened two hundred twenty-four and  $36/100$  feet; northerly by the northerly line of said Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened, one hundred ninety one and  $56/100$  feet; northwesterly by the northwesterly line of said Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened, by two measurements, sixty one feet and nineteen and  $30/100$  feet and westerly by the westerly line of said Faneuil Hall square as hereby widened by two measurements forty-seven and  $12/100$  feet and one hundred nine and  $50/100$  feet. Said Union street as hereby widened is bounded and described as follows: Westerly by the easterly line of said Union street as it at present exists, ninety-two and  $32/100$  feet southwesterly by the northeasterly line of said Union street as it at present exists, twenty-two and  $2/100$  feet on a curve of fifteen feet radius southerly by the northerly line of North street as it at present exists, fourteen and  $6/100$  feet and easterly by the easterly line of said Union street as hereby widened one hundred five and  $35/100$  feet. ~~BETTERMENTS~~ Betterments are to be assessed for the making of the aforesaid improvement. ORDERED That this board estimates that the parcels of land herein specifically referred to and the lands in the areas hereinafter described will receive benefit or advantage beyond the general advantage to all real estate in said city from the making of the aforesaid improvement; All the land in the area bounded by Washington street Elm street and Dock square as said square is widened hereunder. The land in the estates numbered 2-26 (inclusive) on the southwesterly side of Friend street; the land in the estates numbered 2-8 (inclusive) on the westerly side of Union street; the land in the estates numbered 50-64 (inclusive) on the northeasterly side of Elm street. The land in the estates numbered 1-15 (inclusive) on the northeasterly side of Friend street; and the land in the estates numbered 14-30 (inclusive) on the westerly side of Union street. All the land in the area bounded by North Street, Blackstone street, Creek square







Salt Lane, Union street and the part of Union street widened hereunder. All the land abutting the northwest side of that part of North street lying between Blackstone street and Cross street; also the land in the estate next the parcel at the corner of North street, Blackstone street and North Centre street bounded by Blackstone street and North Centre street. All the land in the area bounded by Faneuil Hall square, Merchants Row, North street and Dock square as said Dock square is widened hereunder. All the land in the area bounded by North Market street, Commercial street, Clinton street and Merchants Row. All the land in the area bounded by Clinton street, Blackstone street, North street and Merchants Row. All the land in the area bounded by Blackstone street, Fulton street, John street and North street. All the land in the area bounded by John street, Fulton street Barrett street and North street. All the land in the area bounded by Barrett street Fulton street, Cross street and North street. All the land in the area bounded by Clinton street Commercial street Cross street and Fulton street. The land situated at the corner of Washington street and Devonshire street now or formerly owned by Susan H Taylor. The land in the two estate fronting on that part of Dock square as widened hereunder lying between Devonshire street and Exchange street. The land in the estates on that part of Dock square and Faneuil Hall squares as widened hereunder lying between Exchange street and Corn court including only that portion of the land in the estate of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company shown on said plan as containing 2513 square feet and 1367 square feet also the land in the estate of William J. Stober on the easterly side of Exchange street next the corner of Dock square as said square is widened hereunder. All the land in the area bounded by Corn court Faneuil Hall square as widened hereunder Faneuil Hall square and Merchants Row. All the land abutting the southerly side of Chatham street, between Merchants Row and Commercial street. All the land in the area bounded by Chatham street Commercial street, South Market Street and Merchants Row. All the land abutting the easterly side of that part of Commercial street, lying between Congress street and South Market street All the land abutting the easterly side of that part of Commercial street, lying between South Market street and Clinton street. All the land abutting the southeasterly side of that part of Commercial street, lying between Clinton street and the estate numbered 83 on said Commercial street. All the land in the area bounded by South Market street, Commercial street North Market street and Merchants Row. (Faneuil Hall Market) and all the land in the area bounded by the four sides of Faneuil Hall square as







said square is widened (Foreunder (Faneuil Hall) ORDERED that this Board estimates that the following parcels of land as shown on a plan marked "City of Boston Dock Sq., Faneuil Hall Sq. Union St., Boston Proper Assessment plan September 15, 1925 Wm. J. Sullivan Chief Engineer Street Laying out Department" on file in said department will receive benefit or advantage beyond the general advantage to all real estate in said city from the making of the aforesaid improvement each to the amount hereinafter respectively set against it

Lot 1	Fifty Associates	\$5,572
lot 2	Herbert M. Sears Tr.	2,656
lot 3	Herbert M. Sears. Tr.	5,230
lot 4	Herbert M. Sears Tr.	6,410.
lot 5	Pauline S. Fenno et al Trs.	7,070.
lot 6	Pauline S. Fenno et al Trs.	6,750
✓ lot 7	William J. Stober	2,065
lot 8	William J. Stober	4,036
lot 9	Harry M. Ham et al trs.	4,336
lot 10	Fifty Associates	5,960
lot 11	Fifty Associates	4,730
lot 12	Fifty Associates	5,115
lot 13	Fifty Associates	3,672
lot 14	Fifty Associates	4,325
lot 15	Fifty Associates	3,415
lot 16	Fifty Associates	3,660
lot 17	Simon Barnard	3,240
lot 18	Franklin Dexter Hrs.	3,123.
lot 19	Michael F. Foley	7,556
lot 20	Fifty Associates	5,416.50
lot 21	Fifty Associates	2,036
lot 22	Fifty Associates	3,403
lot 23	Fifty Associates	4,890
lot 24	Fifty Associates	3,770
lot 25	Boston Real Estate Trust	25,144
lot 26	Wm. F. Handschumacher	7,982.50
lot 27	Robert H. Gardiner et al Trs.	3,250.
lot 28	Lawrence Minot et al Trs.	4,903
lot 29	Charles E. Brown	\$ 3,820
lot 30	Fred F. Squire et al Trs.	8,000
lot 31	Frank M. Wattendorf	2,298
lot 32	Heirs of John P. Squire	6,000







Boston January 2, 1926. Then personally appeared the above named G. Augustus Holzman and Joseph Paul and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, before me, Reuben S. Wyner, Justice of the Peace - My commission expires Sept. 2, 1932. ----- January 4, 1926 at two o'clock and five minutes P.M. Received, Entered and Examined. -----

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that I, William J. Stober of Boston, County of Suffolk Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of seventy nine thousand nine hundred dollars to me this day paid by the City of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby give, grant, bargain sell and convey to the said City of Boston and its assigns forever a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate on the southerly side of Faneuil Hall Square Boston Proper, bounded and described as follows: Northerly by said Faneuil Hall Square as said Faneuil Hall Square existed prior to the passage of a Resolve and Order hereinafter mentioned, twenty four and 15/100 feet; easterly by land of the City of Boston supposed to belong prior to the passage of said Resolve and Order to the Massachusetts General Hospital twenty three and 91/100 feet; southerly by the southerly line of said Faneuil Hall Square as said Square was established by said Resolve and Order twenty four and 69/100 feet; westerly by land of the City of Boston, supposed to belong prior to the passage of said Resolve and Order to John F. Cronin by two measurements, the first being thirteen and 41/100 feet, the second measurements being twelve and 44/100 feet, containing 609 square feet, more or less. The above described premises are numbered two, three and four in the numbering of said Faneuil Hall Square. And the above consideration is accepted by the grantors pro tanto under provisions of General Laws, Chapter 79, Section 39, without prejudice of any right of the grantors to have any remaining damages caused by the taking hereinafter mentioned assessed by the proper tribunal. And for the above named consideration I do also hereby give and grant unto the said City of Boston the right to slope or bank the filling where required for grading Faneuil Hall Square to the established grade thereof, upon my remaining land abutting upon said Faneuil Hall Square and do also for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns covenant and agree with the said City of Boston, that I will not and they shall not make or have any claim or demand against said City for damages in consequence of the omission by said City to

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build or maintain a retaining wall or bulkhead to support such filling or to support the bank on either side of said Faneuil Hall Square, where cutting down is required for such grading, and further that I will not and they shall not remove or permit to be removed by any person other than the officers or agents of said City any portion of the filling placed or sloped upon my said remaining land abutting upon said Faneuil Hall Square in grading the same as aforesaid, unless a retaining wall or bulkhead to support said filling shall be built upon line of my said remaining land abutting upon the said Faneuil Hall Square. The described premises are shown together with a profile of the proposed grade of said Faneuil Hall Square on a plan signed by Wm. J. Sullivan Chief Engineer, Street Laying-out Dept. dated July 29, 1925, and deposited in the office of the Board of Street Commissioners of said City of Boston and the aforesaid plan is marked "August 26, 1925, approved under c. 333 Acts of 1925, Boston City Planning Board, by Frederick H. Way, Chairman." The above granted premises were taken and the grade of said Faneuil Hall Square was established in accordance with said profile by a Resolve and Order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston to widen Faneuil Hall Square Dock Square and Union Street passed December 22, 1925, reference to which is hereby had, and are to be used for the purposes of a public street of said City of Boston and the above consideration has been received in satisfaction and discharge of claims and demands for damages, costs, expenses and compensation by reason of said taking and of the grading of said Faneuil Hall Square to the grade aforesaid pro tanto as aforesaid. And I do for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, covenant and agree to and with the said City of Boston and its assigns to indemnify and forever save harmless the said City of Boston and its assigns against any and all claims and demands of any person or persons whatsoever for damages costs, expenses or compensation for or on account of the granted premises or the taking thereof, or the grading of said Faneuil Hall Square, so far as such grading affects my land abutting upon said Faneuil Hall Square TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforegranted premises to the said City of Boston its successors and assigns in fee simple forever.. And I, the said William J. Stober for myself and my heirs, executors, and administrators do covenant with the said City of Boston and its assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are free from all incumbrances except said taking; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said City of Boston







and its assigns forever as aforesaid; and that I will and my heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the City of Boston and its assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. And for the consideration aforesaid I, Josephine E. Stober, wife of the said William J. Stober do hereby release unto said City of Boston its successors and assigns all right of dower and homestead exemption in the granted premises and all other rights and interests therein. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we the said Josephine E. Stober and William J. Stober have hereunto set our hands and seals this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty six. William J. Stober, and a seal. Josephine E. Stober, by William J. Stober Atty. Power duly recorded Lib. 5761 page 241, and a seal. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Suffolk ss. January 4, 1926. Then personally appeared the above named William J. Stober and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, Francis T. Harrington, Justice of the Peace My commission expires January 18, 1927. - - - Approved John H. Dunn, Acting Corporation Counsel. - - - January 4, 1926 at two o'clock and five minutes P.M. Received, Entered, and Examined. - - -

I, William J. Stober of Boston, Suffolk County Massachusetts, for consideration paid, grant to Abram Lipp of Brookline, County of Norfolk Massachusetts, with MORTGAGE COVENANTS to secure the payment of thirty five thousand (\$35,000) dollars on demand with six (6) per centum interest per annum payable monthly as provided in my note of even date, the land in Boston, A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated and numbered 27 and 28 Dock Square Boston, Mass. described as follows: Northerly on the new line of Dock Square as established by order of the Board of Street Commissioners of said Boston dated December 22, 1925, for the widening and construction of Dock Square Tabouil Hall Square and Union Street 22.15 feet; westerly in part on land now or formerly of Ingalls and in part by land now or formerly of Leeds by two lines, one measuring 16.42 Feet, the other measuring 32.31; southerly on land now or formerly of George Hove or late of Whitaker 10.035 feet; easterly on land now or formerly of Galloupe by two lines one measuring 35.77 feet more or less, the other measuring 6.45 feet, containing 1202.82 square feet of land or however otherwise said premises may be bounded, measured or described and be any or all of said measurements more or less. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying the same premises conveyed.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT BARRY et al

we, Alice E. Barry, Charles F. Barry, Anna M. Barry, all unmarried, and  
William J. Barry and Mrs. Anna M. Barry, husband and wife and joint ten-  
ants, all of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts, In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and  
valuable considerations to us paid by the City of Boston in the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do  
hereby grant, to the said City of Boston and its assigns forever a cer-  
tain parcel of land on the northeasterly side of Exchange Street at the  
corner of Dock Square, as said Exchange Street existed before the pas-  
sage of the Resolve and Order hereafter mentioned, bounded and described  
as follows:- Northerly by Dock Square as shown on plan hereafter men-  
tioned, thirty-four and 1/100 (34.01) feet; Northeasterly by the north-  
easterly line of Exchange Street as relocated under said Resolve and  
Order, eighteen and 38/100 (18.38) feet; being the abutting line of  
other land of granters, Southeasterly by land of the City of Boston, now  
within the limits of Exchange Street, shown on said plan as belonging  
prior to the relocation of said Exchange Street under said Resolve and  
Order to Arthur W. Krey, thirty and 67/100 (30.67) feet; Southwesterly  
by the northeasterly line of Exchange Street, as it existed before its  
relocation under said Resolve and Order, thirty-four and 87/100 (34.87)  
feet; Containing 824 square feet be said bounds or contents more or less  
And for the above named consideration we do also hereby give and grant  
unto the said City of Boston the right to slope or bank the filling,  
where required for grading Exchange Street to the established grade  
thereof, upon our remaining land abutting upon said street, and do also,  
for ourselves and our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns,  
covenant and agree with the said City of Boston that we will not and they  
shall not make or have any claim or demand against said City for damages  
in consequence of the omission by said City to build or maintain a re-  
taining wall or bulkhead to support such filling, or to support the bank  
on either side of said Exchange Street, where cutting down is required  
for such grading, and further that we will not and they shall not re-  
move or permit to be removed by any person other than the officers or  
agents of said City any portion of the filling placed or sloped upon our  
said remaining land abutting upon said Exchange Street in grading the  
same as aforesaid, unless a retaining wall or bulkhead to support said  
filling shall be built upon the line of our said remaining land abutting  
upon said street. The described premises are shown together with a  
profile of the proposed grade of said Exchange Street on a plan signed

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by Wm. J. Sullivan, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Dept., dated October 2, 1928, and deposited in the office of the Board of Street Commissioners of said City of Boston. The above-granted premises were taken, and the grade of said Exchange Street was established in accordance with said profile, by a Resolve and Order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the said City of Boston to widen Exchange street, passed June 28, 1929, reference to which is hereby had, and are to be used for the purposes of a public street of said City of Boston; and the above consideration has been received in full satisfaction and discharge of all claims and demands for damages, costs, expenses and compensation by reason of said taking and of the grading of said Exchange Street to the grade aforesaid. And we do, for ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, covenant and agree to and with the said City of Boston and its assigns to indemnify and forever save harmless the said City of Boston and its assigns against any and all claims and demands of any person or persons whatsoever for damages, costs, expenses, or compensation for or on account of the granted premises, or the taking thereof, or the grading of said Exchange Street, so far as such grading affects our land abutting upon said street. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforegranted premises to the said City of Boston its successors and assigns, in fee simple forever. And we, the said grantors, for ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said City of Boston and its assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are free from all incumbrances made or suffered by us except said taking; that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said City of Boston and its assigns forever as aforesaid; IN WITNESS WHEREOF we, the said Alice E. Barry, Charles F. Barry, Anna M. Barry, all unmarried, and William J. Barry and Mrs. Anna M. Barry, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 8th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty. Alice E. Barry by William J. Barry Atty in fact and a seal. Miss Anna M. Barry by William J. Barry Atty in fact and a seal. Mrs. Anna M. Barry by William J. Barry Atty in fact and a seal. Charles F. Barry by William J. Barry Atty in fact and a seal. William J. Barry and a seal. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Boston Suffolk, ss. Aug. 8 1930 Then personally appeared the above-named William J. Barry and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, Before me, J. Wallace Mahony Notary Public My commission expires August 21 1936 Approved, Samuel Silverman Corporation Counsel----- August 11, 1930 At two o'clock and forty-one minutes P. M. Received,















Mass. Deed Excise Stamps in  
sum of \$2.25 affixed and  
paid

Being the premises conveyed to the Trustees of the David Sears Real Estate Trust by the following Deeds, Deed of William Minot, Jr., dated July 1, 1889, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1894, Page 568, and Deed of William J. Stober, dated April 30, 1907, recorded with said Deeds, Book 3206, Page 453, except so much thereof as was taken by the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston by Order dated November 24, 1925, approved by the Mayor on December 22, 1925, and recorded with said Deeds, Book 4751, Page 361.

Or however otherwise said premises may be bounded or described and be all or any of said measurements more or less.

Said premises are hereby conveyed subject to existing leases and tenancies and to taxes to be assessed thereon as of January 1, 1955, which taxes the Grantee, by the acceptance hereof, assumes and agrees to pay.

Witness our hands and seals this thirty-first day of January A.D. 1955.  
the United States and Massachusetts stamps required by law having been affixed hereto and cancelled.

*Philip H. Theopold*  
*D. Kelly Lindgren*  
*John H. Gardiner*  
Trustees as aforesaid but not individually  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Suffolk ss. January 31st A.D. 1955. Then personally appeared

the above-named Philip H. Theopold

and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed as

as aforesaid.

Before me,

Jan. 31, 1955. At 12 o'clock & 48 mins. P.M.  
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My commission expires

He, John P. Concannon and Frances J. Concannon, husband and wife,  
as tenants by the entirety, both  
of Boston Suffolk County, Massachusetts  
being unmarried, for consideration paid, grant to Margaret H. Granoy

of Malden, Middlesex County

with quitclaim covenants

the land in

(Description and encumbrances, if any)

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, now numbered 32 Brookside Avenue, situated in the Jamaica Plain District of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, said parcel being lot numbered 58 on a plan of Forest Hills Associates, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2506, Page 76, said lot being bounded and described according to said plan, as follows:

NORTHERLY	by Brookside Avenue, thirty-two (32) feet;
EASTERLY	by lot 59 on said plan, seventy-five (75) feet;
SOUTHERLY	by lots 37 and 38 on said plan, thirty-two (32) feet;







other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present contained in said buildings, and hereinafter placed therein prior to the full payment and discharge of this mortgage. In case of a foreclosure sale or assignment by this mortgagee, this grantee is hereby appointed the attorney irrevocably of the grantor to make an assignment of all the Insurance Policies on the buildings, on the land covered by this mortgage, or collect all money due on such Insurance Policy or Policies if the same are cancelled. This mortgage is upon the Statutory Condition, for any breach of which the mortgagee shall have the Statutory Power of Sale. The property is conveyed subject to the following encumbrances. I, Louis T. Luzio husband of said mortgagor release to the mortgagee all rights of tenancy by the curtesy and all other rights and interests in the mortgaged premises. WITNESS our hands and seals this Ninth day of February 1929. Louis T. Luzio, Mary E. Luzio, and each a seal. Witness: D. G. Hill. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS NORFOLK, SS. February 9, 1929. Then personally appeared the above-named Mary E. Luzio and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me Don Gleason Hill Justice of the Peace. My commission expires Sept. 26, 1930.-----February 9 1929. At eleven o'clock and forty minutes A.M. Received, Entered and Examined.-----

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT We, ABRAM C. RATSHEKY of Boston; ISAAH R. CLARK of Cambridge and EDMUND J. CASEY, of Brookline, all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, TRUSTEES under the last will of James D. Casey late of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth aforesaid, deceased, which will was duly proved and allowed by the Probate Court for said County on July 19, 1911, do by virtue and in execution of the power to us given in and by said will, and of every other power and authority us hereto enabling, and in consideration of the sum of one dollar and other valuable considerations dollars to us paid by William J. Spinney of Medford in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said William J. Spinney all our right, title and interest in and to a strip of land comprising sixty-eight (68) square feet more or less in said Boston, and bounded:- Northwesterly by North Street, two and 9/100 (2.09) feet more or less; Northeasterly on land now or formerly of Pitts, fifty-one and 86/100 (51.86) feet more or less; Southerly on Faneuil Hall Square seventy-six one-hundredths (.76) feet more or less; and Southwesterly on said Square fifty-one 48/100 (51.48) feet more or less; being a

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portion of the land described in a deed from John W. Tyler, Maurice P. Spillane and Lewis G. Farmer, Commissioners, to James D. Casey dated December 5, 1901, recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 2794, page 264, the City of Boston having taken by eminent domain the remaining portion of the land described in said deed. Meaning and intending hereby to convey only that portion of the premises, described in said deed from Tyler et als, Commissioners, to James D. Casey, remaining after a taking by said City of Boston, through its Board of Street Commissioners, on or about December 22, 1925, for the purposes of a public street. Said premises are conveyed subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any, now in force and applicable, including party wall agreements. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above-granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said William J. Spinney and his heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we the said ABRAM C. RATSHESKY, ISAIAH R. CLARK and EDMUND J. CASEY hereunto set our hands and seals this first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven. Abram C. Ratschesky, Isaiah R. Clark, Edmund J. Casey, Trustees under the will of James D. Casey, and each a seal. Signed and sealed in presence of. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK ss. December 1, 1927. Then, personally appeared the above-named Edmund J. Casey and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me James J. Brennan Justice of the Peace. My commission expires Oct. 19, 1930.----- February 9 1929. At eleven o'clock and fifty-one minutes A.M. Received, Entered and Examined.-----

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et al TRS.

I, William J. Spinney, of Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid, grant to Abram C. Ratschesky, Isaiah R. Clark and Edmund J. Casey, as they are trustees under the will of James D. Casey, late of Brookline in the County of Norfolk deceased, with MORTGAGE COVENANTS, to secure the payment of Fifty-five Hundred (5,500) Dollars in three (3) years with six (6) per centum interest per annum payable quarterly as provided in my note of even date, the land in Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being a strip of land comprising sixty-eight (68) square feet more or less, and bounded as follows:- Northwesterly by North Street, two and 9/100 (2.09) feet more or less; Northeasterly on land now or formerly of Pitta, fifty-one and 86/100 (51.86) feet more or less; Southerly on Fancuil Hall Square seventy-six one-hundredths (.76) feet more or less; and Southwesterly on said Square fifty-one 48/100 (51.48) feet more or

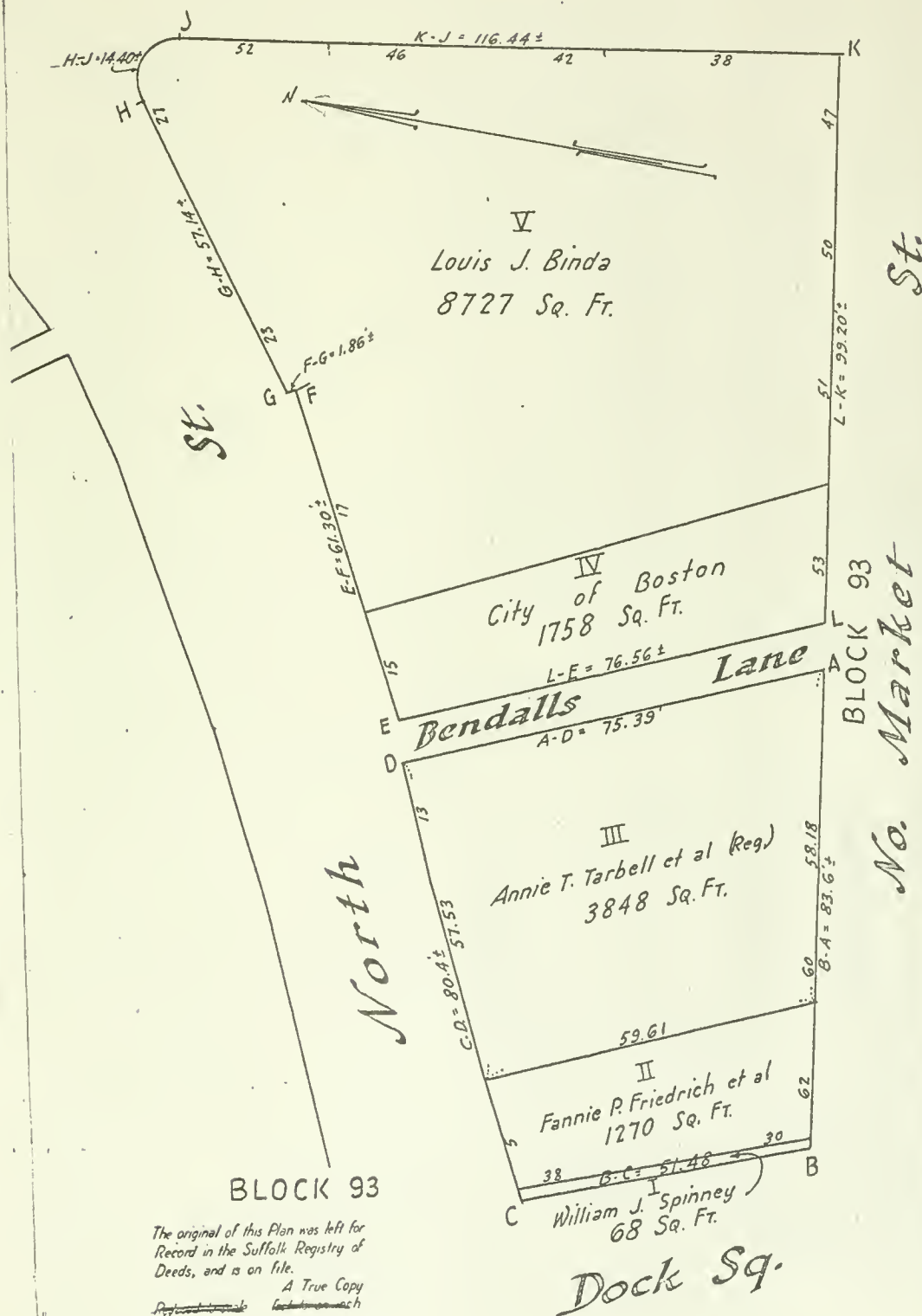
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BLOCK 93

The original of this Plan was left for Record in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds, and is on file.

*A True Copy*

~~Regimental~~ ~~Adjutant~~  
 Ivan Ablesholme C.E.

Dock Sq.

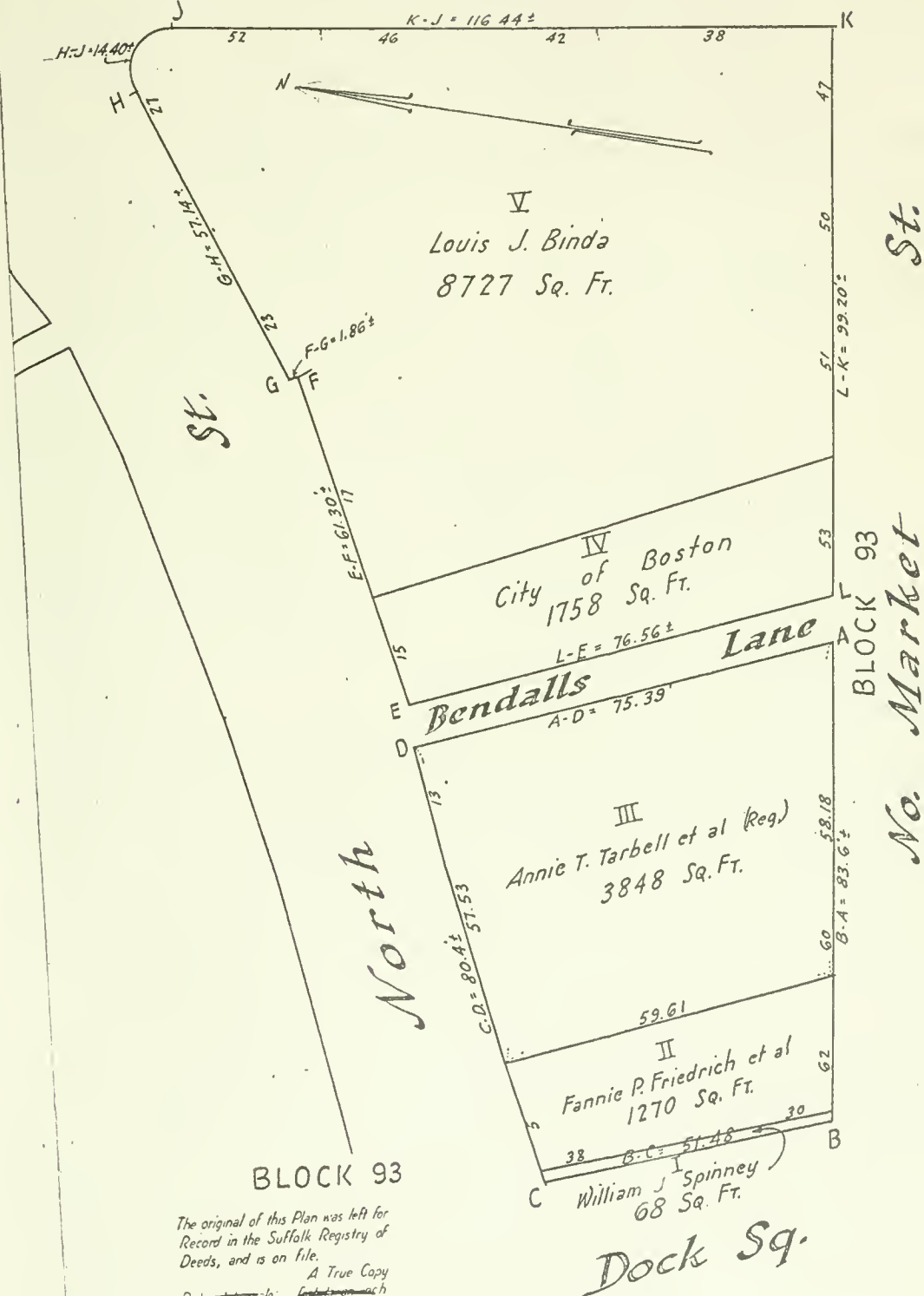






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New Bedford Institution for Savings,  
a corporation established by authority of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and doing business at New Bedford, in the County of Bristol, said Commonwealth holder of a mortgage from M. & H. Construction Corp., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and located in Boston in said Commonwealth to the Conveyancers Title Insurance and Mortgage Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of said Commonwealth dated August 27, 1928 recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds Book 5032 Page 577 assign said mortgage and the note and claim secured thereby to said Conveyancers Title Insurance and Mortgage Company. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the New Bedford Institution for Savings has caused its corporate name to be signed and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed by Elmer A. MacGowan, its Treasurer thereunto duly authorized this first day of August 1930. New Bedford Institution for Savings by Elmer A. MacGowan Treasurer and the Corporate Seal. THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Bristol ss. New Bedford, August 1, 1930 Then personally appeared the above-named Elmer A. MacGowan, Treasurer and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed, of the New Bedford Institution for Savings, before me before me Philip E. Macy Justice of the Peace My commission expires Jan. 30 1931 -----August 4, 1930 At three o'clock and twenty-two minutes P. M. Received, Entered, and Examined.---

NEW BEDFORD  
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FOR SAVINGSto  
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TITLE INSURANCE  
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VOTED, that the Transit Department of the City of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, duly established under authority of chapter 185 of the special acts of the Legislature of said Commonwealth for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, deems that it is necessary for the purposes set forth or referred to in chapter 297 of the acts of the Legislature of said Commonwealth for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, being "An Act to provide for the construction of a vehicular tunnel between Boston Proper and East Boston" to take in fee for and on behalf of the City of Boston certain parcels of real estate together with all trees and structures affixed thereto located in Boston Proper, Blocks 93, 92, 78, 77, 76 and 75 (so designated by the assessors of the City of Boston) lying within areas as shown on plan numbered T. T. 31 and entitled "City of Boston-Transit Department Plan of Taking for a portion of Traffic Tunnel North Street between Dock Sq. and Fulton Ct. Under Chapter 297 of the Acts of the year 1929 dated August 4, 1930 signed by a majority of the Department and by Ernest R. Springer, Chief Engineer of the Department, and to be recorded

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in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, bounded and described as follows:- Block 93 West Section. Beginning at point "A" on the northerly side line of North Market Street at the westerly side line of Bendall's Lane; thence running westerly on said line of North Market Street, eighty-three and six tenths (83.6) feet, more or less, to point "B"; thence running northerly along the easterly side line of Dock Square fifty-one and forty-eight hundredths (51.48) feet to point "C"; thence running northeasterly along the southeasterly side line of North Street eighty and four tenths (80.4) feet, more or less, to point "D"; thence running southerly along said line of Bendalls Lane seventy-five and thirty-nine hundredths (75.39) feet, to the point of beginning; containing five thousand one hundred eighty-six (5186) square feet. The parcels of real estate contained in the above described taking are supposed to be owned as follows, all areas being approximate.

Parcel Number.	Owners	Location	Area Sq. ft.
1	William J. Spinney	30-38 Dock Square	68
11	Fannie P. Friedrich et al	5 North Street 62 North Market Street	1270
111	Annie T. Tarbell et al	13 North Street 54-60 North Market Street	3848
		Total	5186

Block 93. East Section. Beginning at point "E" on the southeasterly side line of North Street at the easterly side line of Bendalls Lane; thence running northeasterly on said line of North Street, on an irregular line, sixty-one and thirty hundredths (61.30) feet, more or less, to point "F", thence northwesterly one and eighty-six hundredths (1.86) feet, more or less, to point "G", and thence northeasterly fifty-seven and fourteen hundredths (57.14) feet, more or less, to point "H"; thence running easterly and southeasterly on said line of North Street and the westerly side line of Merchants Row on a curved line fourteen and forty hundredths (14.40) feet, more or less, to point "J"; thence running southerly on said line of Merchants Row one hundred sixteen and forty-four hundredths (116.44) feet, more or less, to point "K"; thence running westerly on the northerly side line of North Market Street ninety-nine and twenty hundredths (99.20) feet, more or less, to point "L"; thence running northerly on said line of Bendalls Lane seventy-six and fifty-six hundredths (76.56) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; containing ten thousand four hundred eighty-five (10,485) square feet, being all the premises included in the area bounded by North Street, Merchants Row, North Market Street and Bendalls







Lane. The parcels of real estate contained in the above described taking are supposed to be owned as follows, all areas being approximate.

Parcel Number	Owners	Location	Area Sq. ft.
IV	City of Boston, Tr.	15 North Street 53 North Market Street	1758
V	Louis J. Binda	17-27 North Street 47-51 North Market Street 38-52 Merchants Row	8727
Total			10,485

Block 92. Beginning at point "M" on the easterly side line of Merchants Row at the northerly side line of Clinton Street; thence running northerly on said line of Merchants Row thirty-four and ninety-nine hundredths (34.99) feet to point "N"; thence running northeasterly on said line of Merchants Row and the southeasterly side line of North Street on a curved line, thirty-nine and ninety-four hundredths (39.94) feet to point "O"; thence continuing northeasterly on said line of North Street, ninety-four and forty-eight hundredths (94.48) feet to point "P"; thence running southeasterly along the southwesterly side line of Blackstone Street, fifty-five and eighty-three hundredths (55.83) feet to point "Q"; thence running southwesterly along land now or formerly of John D. Williams et al Trustees, formerly of City of Boston, forty-four and ninety-two hundredths (44.92) feet to point "R"; thence running northwesterly along the end of a passageway six and no hundredths (6.00) feet to point "S"; thence running southwesterly along the northwesterly side line of said passageway thirty-seven and eighty-three hundredths (37.83) feet, more or less, to point "T"; thence running southerly on the westerly side line of said passageway forty-two and seventy-five hundredths (42.75) feet to point "U"; thence running westerly on said line of Clinton Street sixty and no hundredths (60.00) feet to the point of beginning; containing eight thousand one hundred seventy-seven (8177) square feet. Together with all right, title and interest in and to the fee and soil and all rights heretofore possessed by the owners of the premises herewith taken in all passageways connecting therewith. The parcels of real estate contained in the above described taking are supposed to be owned as follows, all areas being approximate.

Parcel Number	Owners	Location	Area Sq. ft.
VI	Cudahy Packing Co.	2-3 Clinton Street 37 Merchants Row	1320
VII	Abraham Lurensky	41-45 Merchants Row	1247
VIII	William A. Muller et al Trs	31-33 North Street	990
IX	William J. Stober	35-49 North Street 34-40 Blackstone Street	4620
Total			8177







they hereby are taken in fee for and on behalf of the City of Boston for the purposes set forth in said chapter 297 of the acts of the year 1929 and in part execution of the authority conferred by said chapter 297 and of every other power said Transit Department of the City of Boston hereto enabling. NOW, THEREFORE, the Transit Department of the City of Boston in accordance with the foregoing vote and pursuant to said chapter 297 herein referred to hereby certifies and states that under and by virtue of the authority conferred by said act, and in part execution thereof, and for the reasons and purposes therein set forth, and by virtue of every other power and authority it hereto enabling, the above described real estate is taken by it in fee for the City of Boston. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the undersigned Commissioners of the Transit Department of the City of Boston hereto set our hands this fourth day of August in the year nineteen hundred and thirty. CITY OF BOSTON by the TRANSIT DEPARTMENT of the CITY OF BOSTON Thomas F. Sullivan Nathan A. Heller Arthur B. Corbett. APPROVED: James M. Curley Mayor of Boston. REGISTERED PARCELS. Included in the above-described taking is the following registered parcel which is taken in fee and bounded and described as follows:- Owner: Annie T. Tarbell et al 13 North St. and 54-60 N. Market St. Certificates of Title No. 27217/8, Suffolk Registry District Registration Book 132, p. p. 17/18, dated Feb. 27, 1930. Plan No. 5647-A, dated Sept. 1, 1915. Lots A and B combined. Northerly by North Street fifty-seven and fifty-three hundredths (57.53) feet; easterly by Bendalls Lane seventy-five and thirty-nine hundredths (75.39) feet; southwesterly by the northeasterly line of North Market Street fifty-eight and eighteen hundredths (58.18) feet; and westerly by land now or formerly of Fannie P. Friedrich et al, the line running through the middle of a party wall, fifty-nine and sixty-one hundredths (59.61) feet; containing three thousand eight hundred forty-eight (3848) square feet.-----August 4, 1930 At three o'clock and fifty-five minutes P. M. Received, Entered, and Examined.-----

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VOTED, that the Transit Department of the City of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, duly established under authority of chapter 184 of the special acts of the Legislature of said Commonwealth for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, deems that it is necessary for the purposes set forth or referred to in chapter 297 of the acts of the Legislature of said Commonwealth for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, being "An Act to provide







# Transfer Certificate of Title.

No 27217

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From \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate No. 21755, Originally Registered April 8,  
Registration Book 104 Page 153 for the Registry District of Suffolk County.

19 27, in

This is to Certify that \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIE T. FARBELE, widow

WINFRED S. BENNETT, married to Grace Emily Bennett, \_\_\_\_\_  
ANNIE J. PECKER, not married, \_\_\_\_\_  
MARGARET S. PECKER, widow, and \_\_\_\_\_  
THOMAS C. SNOW, not married, all of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
FRED W. McCARTER, married to Flora A. McCarter, \_\_\_\_\_  
FLORA A. McCARTER, married to Fred W. McCarter, \_\_\_\_\_  
KENNETH T. McCARTER, not married, and \_\_\_\_\_  
MAHEL E. TRAYER, not married, of Brookline \_\_\_\_\_  
LIZZIE ELLEN JENNINGS, married to George H. Jennings, and \_\_\_\_\_  
MARIETTA H. LINCOLN, married to Charles W. Lincoln of Holbrook, in the  
County of Norfolk and said Commonwealth,  
FRANK S. PECKER, married to Mary Lena Pecker, of Winchester \_\_\_\_\_  
MARY A. NEAL, married to Alvin B. Neal, of Wayland \_\_\_\_\_  
GLADYS E. MARSTON, married to Warren Winfield Marston of Newton, and \_\_\_\_\_  
MARY A. HALL, not married, of Medford, in the County of Middlesex  
and said Commonwealth,  
AMASA A. J. STETSON, not married, of Brockton, in the County of Plymouth  
and said Commonwealth,  
JESSIE WELLS BALDWIN, married to Seth T. Baldwin, of New Haven in the  
State of Connecticut,  
JENNIE M. MILLER, not married, of Jenkintown, in the State of  
Pennsylvania,  
EMMA F. CLARK, married to Emerson Clark, of Farmington, in the State  
of Illinois, and \_\_\_\_\_  
MARY A. NIEDECKEN, married to George M. Niedecken, of Milwaukee, in the  
State of Wisconsin,

are the owners in fee simple of the following undivided parts, namely:-

said Annie T. Farbele	of	524,864 / 2,612,736
Winfred S. Bennett	of	59,220 / 2,612,736
Annie J. Pecker and Frank S. Pecker	each of	49,200 / 2,612,736
Margaret S. Pecker	of	22,400 / 2,612,736
Thomas C. Snow	of	60,400 / 2,612,736
Fred W. McCarter and Amasa A. J. Stetson	each of	1,692 / 2,612,736
Flora A. McCarter	of	1,628,487 / 5,225,472
MAHEL E. TRAYER	of	1,611,655 / 5,225,472
Lizzie Ellen Jennings and Marietta H. Lincoln	each of	79,500 / 2,612,736
Mary A. Neal and Gladys E. Marston	each of	806 / 2,612,736
Mary A. Hall and Jennie M. Miller	each of	30,240 / 2,612,736
Kenneth T. McCarter	of	29,043 / 2,612,736
Jessie Wells Baldwin and Mary A. Niedecken	each of	6,615 / 2,612,736
Emma F. Clark	of	158,760 / 2,612,736

and the said Fred W. McCarter, as Trustee for Kenneth T. McCarter of said Brookline, under a Declaration of Trust dated April 14, 1921, duly recorded in Book 4286, Page 396, is the owner in fee simple of 1692/2,612,736, undivided parts, with power to sell and power to mortgage;

and Susan J. Wildo, of Braintree, in said County of Norfolk, has a life estate in one-half of each of the shares of said Lizzie Ellen Jennings and Marietta H. Lincoln, hereinbefore described;

of that certain parcel of land situate in Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by North Street, thirty-five and 81/100 (35.81) feet;

Easterly by lot B on the plan hereinafter mentioned, sixty-nine and 53/100 (69.53) feet;

Southwesterly by the northeasterly line of North Market Street, thirty-four and 61/100 (34.61) feet; and

Westerly by land now or formerly of Fannie E. Friedrich et al, the line running through the middle of a party wall, fifty-nine and 61/100 (59.61) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on a plan drawn by Ernest R. Kimball, C.E., dated September 1, 1915, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as plan No. 5647-A, a copy of a portion of which is filed with certificate of title No. 13677, and the above described land is shown thereon as lot 1.

The above described land is subject to, and has the benefit of, the provisions of a party wall agreement by and between Amasa Stetson et al and William Pitts et al, dated February 24, 1901, duly recorded in Book 465 Page 172, and as further stipulated in an agreement relating thereto between the petitioners and Mond D. Hunt et al, filed in the Land Court October 24, 1917, in case No. 5647.







And it is further certified that said land is under the operation and provisions of Chapter 185 of the General Laws, and that the title of the within named parties to said land is registered under said Chapter, subject, however, to any of the encumbrances mentioned in Section forty-six of said Chapter, which may be subsisting, and subject also as aforesaid;

And to the terms of a lease given by Rufus A. Thayer et al to Swift & Company, dated August 23, 1913, duly recorded in Book 3799 Page 581

And the interest of said Emma F. Clark in said land is subject to any lien of said Commonwealth for enforcing collection of any legacy and succession taxes due it from the estate of one Sarah M. Bristol, late of Farmington, Illinois, who died on or about December 9, 1914;

Part of the interests of Flora A. McCarter, of Mabel E. Thayer and of Kenneth T. McCarter are subject to any possible statutory rights therein growing out of the debts or settlement of the estate of one Rufus A. Thayer, late of Randolph, in said County of Norfolk, who died on or about March 27, 1920, if claimed and enforced within the time allowed by law;

The interest of Susan J. Wilde, and so much of the interests of Lizzie Ellen Jennings and Marietta H. Lincoln as was acquired under the will of Amasa S. Thayer to wit, 39,690/2,612,736 to each, are subject to any possible statutory rights therein growing out of the debts or settlement of the estate of said Amasa S. Thayer, late of Braintree, in said County of Norfolk, who died on or about December 18, 1920, if claimed and enforced within the time allowed by law;

And the interests of Jessie Wells Baldwin and Mary A. Niedecken, and part of the interests of Flora A. McCarter, of Mabel E. Thayer and of Kenneth T. McCarter are subject to any possible statutory rights therein growing out of the debts or settlement of the estate of one Winslow W. Thayer, late of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who died on or about October 17, 1919, if claimed and enforced within the time allowed by law.

And it is further certified that said land is under the operation and provisions of Chapter 185 of the General Laws, and that the title of the within named parties to said land is registered under said Chapter, subject, however, to any of the encumbrances mentioned in Section forty-six of said Chapter, which may be subsisting, and subject also as aforesaid;

And to the terms of a lease given by Rufus A. Thayer et al to Swift & Company, dated August 23, 1913, duly recorded in Book 3799 Page 581

of owners:  
 onwealth Av., Boston  
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 en, Conn.  
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 Ston, Ill.  
 kee, Wisc.  
 Braintree

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Suffolk, ss.

### Land Court

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true photostatic copy of

Certificate of Title No. 27217 Book 132 Page 17 in

Suffolk County Registry District.

Date April 8, 1963

*Edward V. Gady*

Acting Assistant Recorder.

n said County of

ic after noon.

Assistant Recorder.







# MEMORANDA OF ENCUMBRANCES ON THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THIS CERTIFICATE.

DOCUMENT NUMBER	KIND	RUNNING IN FAVOR OF	TERMS.	DATE OF INSTRUMENT.	DATE OF REGISTRATION.	SIGNATURE OF ASSISTANT RECORDER.	DISCHARGE.
73416	Lease	Swift & Company	54-60 North Market St. 6 - 13 North St. 10 yrs. Mar. 18, 1926 begins March 18, 1926	1927 Apr. 18	1927 Apr. 10 07 A.M.	<i>Wm. J. F. [Signature]</i> Asst. Recorder	
100,043	Taking	City of Boston (Transit Department)	Taking for East Boston Tunnel [Signature]	Aug. 4, 30	Aug. 4, 4 - PM	<i>James A. [Signature]</i> Recorder	

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## Transfer Certificate of Title.

No 27218

From \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate No 21754, Originally Registered April 8, 1927, in  
Registration Book 104, Page 154, for the Registry District of Suffolk County.

This is to Certify that \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIE T. TARBELL, widow,

WINFRED S. BENNETT, married to Grace Emily Bennett, \_\_\_\_\_  
ANNIE J. PECKER, not married, \_\_\_\_\_  
MARGARET S. PECKER, widow, and \_\_\_\_\_  
THOMAS C. SNOW, not married, all of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
FRED W. MCCARTER, married to Flora A. McCarter, \_\_\_\_\_  
FLORA A. MCCARTER, married to Fred W. McCarter, \_\_\_\_\_  
KENNETH T. MCCARTER, not married, and \_\_\_\_\_  
ABEL B. TRAYER, not married, of Brookline \_\_\_\_\_  
LIZZIE ELLER JENNINGS, married to George E. Jennings, and \_\_\_\_\_  
MARIETTA H. LINCOLN, married to Charles W. Lincoln, of Holbrook, in the  
County of Norfolk and said Commonwealth,  
FRANK S. PECKER, married to Mary Lena Pecker, of Winchester, \_\_\_\_\_  
MARY A. NEAL, married to Alvin B. Neal, of Wayland, \_\_\_\_\_  
GLADYS E. MARSTON, married to Warren Winfield Marston, of Newton, and \_\_\_\_\_  
MARY A. HALL, not married, of Medford, in the County of Middlesex  
and said Commonwealth  
AMASA A. J. STETSON, not married, of Brockton, in the County of Plymouth  
and said Commonwealth,  
JESSIE WELLS BALDWIN, married to Seth W. Baldwin, of New Haven, in the  
State of Connecticut,  
JENNIE M. MILLER, not married, of Jenkintown, in the State of  
Pennsylvania,  
EMMA F. CLARK, married to Emerson Clark, of Farmington, in the State  
of Illinois, and \_\_\_\_\_  
MARY A. NIEDOEKEN, married to George M. Niedecken, of Milwaukee, in the  
State of Wisconsin,

are the owners in fee simple of the following undivided parts, namely:

said Annie T. Tarbell	of	649,723 / 2,612,736
Winfred S. Bennett	of	118,440 / 2,612,736
Annie J. Pecker and Frank S. Pecker	each of	98,560 / 2,612,736
Margaret S. Pecker	of	44,800 / 2,612,736
Thomas C. Snow	of	120,960 / 2,612,736
Fred W. McCarter and Amasa A. J. Stetson	each of	3,394 / 2,612,736
Flora A. McCarter	of	358,407 / 2,612,736
Abel B. Trayer	of	311,535 / 2,612,736
Lizzie Ellen Jennings and Marietta H. Lincoln,	each of	158,760 / 2,612,736
Mary A. Neal and Gladys E. Marston	each of	1,682 / 2,612,736
Mary A. Hall and Jennie M. Miller	each of	60,480 / 2,612,736
Kenneth T. McCarter	of	15,750 / 2,612,736
Jessie Wells Baldwin and Mary A. Niedecken	each of	13,230 / 2,612,736
Emma F. Clark	of	317,520 / 2,612,736

and the said FRED W. MCCARTER, as TRUSTEE for KENNETH T. MCCARTER, of said  
Brookline, under a Declaration of Trust dated April 14, 1921, duly recorded  
in Book 4206 Page 396, is the owner in fee simple of 3364 / 2,612,736 undi-  
vided parts, with power to sell and power to mortgage; and  
SUSAN J. HEND, of Braintree, in said County of Norfolk, has a life estate  
in one-half of each of the shares of said Lizzie Ellen Jennings and Marietta  
H. Lincoln, hereinbefore described;  
of that certain parcel of land situate in Boston, in the County of Suffolk  
and said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:-  
Northerly by North Street twenty-one and 72/100 (21.72) feet;  
Easterly by Bendall's Lane, seventy-five and 39/100 (75.39) feet;  
Southwesterly by the northeasterly line of North Market Street, twenty-three  
and 57/100 (23.57) feet; and  
Westerly by lot A, on the plan hereinafter mentioned, sixty-nine and 53/100  
(69.53) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown  
on a plan drawn by Ernest R. Kimball, C.E., dated September 1, 1915, as  
approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as plan No. 5647-A,  
a copy of a portion of which is filed with certificate of title No. 13677, and  
the above described land is shown thereon as lot B.







And it is further certified that said land is under the operation and provisions of Chapter 185 of the General Laws, and that the title of the within named parties to said land is registered under said Chapter, subject, however, to any of the encumbrances mentioned in Section forty-six of said Chapter, which may be subsisting, and subject also as aforesaid;

And to the terms of a lease given by Rufus A. Thayer et al to Swift & Company, dated August 23, 1913, duly recorded in Book 3799, Page 581;

And the interest of said Emma M. Clark in said land is subject to any lien of said Commonwealth for enforcing collection of any legacy and succession taxes due it from the estate of one Sarah M. Bristol, late of Farmington, Illinois, who died on or about December 9, 1914;

Part of the interests of Flora A. McCarter, of Mabel E. Thayer and of Kenneth T. McCarter are subject to any possible statutory rights therein growing out of the debts or settlement of the estate of one Rufus A. Thayer, late of Randolph, in said County of Norfolk, who died on or about March 27, 1920, if claimed and enforced within the time allowed by law;

The interest of Susan J. Wilde, and so much of the interests of Lizzie Ellen Jennings and Marietta H. Lincoln as was acquired under the will of Amasa S. Thayer to wit: 79,300 / 2,612,736 to each, are subject to any possible statutory rights therein growing out of the debts or settlement of the estate of said Amasa S. Thayer, late of Braintree, in said County of Norfolk, who died on or about December 18, 1920, if claimed and enforced within the time allowed by law;

And the interests of Jessie Wells Baldwin, and Mary A. Niedecken, and part of the interests of Flora A. McCarter, of Mabel E. Thayer and of Kenneth T. McCarter are subject to any possible statutory rights therein growing out of the debts or settlement of the estate of one Winslow W. Thayer, late of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who died on or about October 17, 1919, if claimed and enforced within the time allowed by law.

And it is further certified that said land is under the operation and provisions of Chapter 185 of the General Laws, and that the title of said

to said land is registered under said Chapter, subject, however, to any of the encumbrances mentioned in Section thirty-eight of said Chapter, which may be subsisting, and subject also as aforesaid;

formers:-  
 nonwealth Ave., Boston  
 fton St., Rochester  
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 City Club, Boston  
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 Main St., Brockton  
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 nee, Miss.  
 Braintree

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Suffolk, ss.

### Land Court

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true photostatic copy of

Certificate of Title No. 27218 Book 132 Page 18 in

Suffolk County Registry District.

Date April 3, 1963

*Edward V. Gady*  
 Acting Assistant Recorder.

in said County of

the after noon.

*Edward V. Gady*  
 Assistant Recorder.







## MEMORANDA OF ENCUMBRANCES ON THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THIS CERTIFICATE.

DOCUMENT NUMBER.	KIND.	RUNNING IN FAVOR OF	TERMS.	DATE OF INSTRUMENT.	DATE OF REGISTRATION.	SIGNATURE OF ASSISTANT RECORDER.	DISCHARGE.
73416	Lease	Silt & Company	54-60 North Market St. 6-13 North St.-10 yrs. begins March 18, 1926	Mar. 18 '26	Apr. 1 10 07 AM.	<i>John C. McQuade</i> Assistant Recorder	
100,043	Taking	City of Boston (Transit Department)	Taking for East Boston (Tunnel)	Aug. 4 '30	Aug. 4 '4 - PM	<i>John C. McQuade</i> Assistant Recorder	

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Bigelow, Jr.,  
 To  
 City of Boston.

Know all men by these Presents, that  
 J. A. O. Bigelow, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as I am trustee of the estate  
 of S. P. Snodgrass, in consideration of sixty eight hundred  
 dollars to me paid by the City of Boston, the receipt whereof  
 is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and  
 convey to the said City of Boston, and its assigns forever, the  
 following parcel of real estate lying in Boston aforesaid and  
 bounded as follows, to wit: northwesterly by the proposed  
 line of widening of Washington Street there measuring thirty four feet  
 and eighty two one hundredths of a foot; easterly by land taken  
 from Edward Snodgrass by the said City of Boston, eight feet and  
 thirty six one hundredths of a foot and southwardly by the present  
 line of Washington Street thirty three feet and eight tenths of a foot;  
 containing one hundred and forty one square feet and twenty  
 eight one hundredths of a foot, more or less. The above granted  
 premises were taken to widen Washington Street by a resolution  
 of the Board of Aldermen, of the said City of Boston, passed  
 the twenty sixth day of April A.D. 1856, reference to which is  
 hereby had, and are to be used for the purposes of a public  
 Street of said City of Boston; and the above consideration has  
 been received in full satisfaction and discharge of all claims  
 and demands for damages, costs, expenses and compensation  
 by reason of said taking: And I do, for myself and my successors  
 in said trust, covenant and agree to and with the said City  
 of Boston, and its assigns, to indemnify and forever save  
 harmless the said City of Boston, and its assigns, against any  
 and all claims and demands of any person or persons whatso-  
 ever, for damages, costs, expenses or compensation, for or on account  
 of the granted premises, or the taking thereof. The said premises  
 are delineated upon a plan made by James Slade, City Surveyor,  
 and deposited in the Office of the said Aldermen, and dated Feb-  
 ruary 25<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1856: To Have and To Hold the aforegranted  
 premises to the said City of Boston, its successors and assigns, in  
 fee simple forever. And I, the said J. A. O. Bigelow, as Trustee, for  
 myself and my successors in the said trust, do covenant with  
 the said City of Boston, and its assigns that I am lawfully  
 seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are free from all  
 incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same  
 to the said City of Boston, and its assigns forever, as aforesaid; and  
 that I will and my successors in the said trust shall warrant  
 and defend the same to the said City of Boston and its assigns  
 forever







in favor, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons:  
 In Witness Whereof, I the said A. O. Bigelow, trustee as aforesaid,  
 have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of Jan-  
 uary in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and fifty seven, A. O. Bigelow, Trustee of S. D. Hutchinson  
 and a seal, signed, sealed and delivered in presence of fourteen  
 friends words being first stricken out of fourteen words intended  
 before signing - Approved J. L. Kealy C. S. Commonwealth of  
 Massachusetts, Suffolk ss: January 10<sup>th</sup> 1857. Then personally ap-  
 peared the above named A. O. Bigelow, trustee and acknowledged  
 the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, Sam-  
 uel C. Burr, Justice of the Peace, January 13, 1857, at 30 minutes past  
 12 P. M. Received, Entered and Expensed

Wm Henry Allen Reg

Now know all men by these Presents, That I,  
 Charles Cartledge, the mortgager named in a certain mortgage  
 dated the third day of November 1855, and recorded with Suffolk  
 Deeds, Lib. 398 fol. 97, acknowledge that the sum of money secured  
 by said mortgage and the interest thereon, have been paid to  
 me by the said Joseph W. Taylor, the mortgager, named in said  
 mortgage, - and in consideration thereof I do hereby fully dis-  
 charge said mortgage, and release and quitclaim unto the  
 said Joseph W. Taylor, and his heirs and assigns forever, the  
 premises therein described. Said mortgage was dated November  
 third A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty five and is recorded  
 Book three hundred ninety eight page ninety seven. Witness  
 my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of November A. D. 1856,  
 Charles Cartledge, and a seal. Executed and delivered in presence  
 of John R. Parker, Benj. Morin, Consulate U. S. A. London,  
 Consulate of the United States of America, London, J. Robert  
 B. Campbell, Consul of the United States of America for  
 London and the depositaries thereof, do hereby certify  
 that on this twenty fifth day of November A. D. 1856, before  
 me personally appeared and came Charles Cartledge to me  
 known to be the person described in and who has executed  
 the within instrument and there acknowledged  
 the same to be his free act and deed: In testimony whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office  
 in London the day and year above mentioned and in the  
 eighty first Year of the Independence of the  
 said United States, Robert B. Campbell, not

H. D.

Discharge.

Cartledge  
 to  
 Taylor.







ing to the heirs of Tuckerman, containing approximately nine hundred 77  
and ten square feet of land. This line of widening will make Wash- Feb. 25. 1856.  
ington Street fifty feet wide at this place. And Whereas, due notice has  
been given of the intention of this Board to take the said piece of land for  
the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is  
therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the  
same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said  
city according to a plan of the said widening made by James Stade, City  
Engineer, dated February 25<sup>th</sup> 1856 and deposited in the office of the  
said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the ex-  
pense of widening the said Washington street, as aforesaid, will amount  
to twenty thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of  
estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during  
the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of five thousand dol-  
lars the Yeas and Nays having been demanded on the passage of  
the above resolve they were taken as follows, Yeas, Alderman Ben-  
ney-1. Nays, Aldermen Brewster, Galien, Cheever, Godman, Dingley,  
Jackson, Kendall, Meriam, Mumme, Rich, Torrey-11. So said resolve  
was rejected.

The said Committee then sub- Washington  
mitted the following resolve viz: Resolved, That the safety and con- Street  
venience of the inhabitants of the city require that Washington Street Tuckerman  
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and  
lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land be-  
longing to S. P. Tuckerman bounded as follows, viz: Northwesternly by  
the proposed line of widening of Washington Street there measuring  
thirty four feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$  - Easternly by land hereinafter described as taken  
from Edward Tuckerman eight feet and  $\frac{3}{4}$  and Southernly by the  
present line of Washington Street thirty three feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing One







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78. hundred and forty one square feet and  $\frac{2}{100}$ , more or less. Also a parcel  
Feb. 25. 1856. of land belonging to Edward Tuckerman bounded as follows, viz: North-  
westwardly by the proposed line of widening of Washington Street there  
measuring thirty nine feet and  $\frac{1}{100}$ ; Eastwardly by Dock Square, sixteen  
feet  $\frac{25}{100}$ . Southwardly by the present line of Washington Street thirty eight  
feet and  $\frac{2}{100}$  and Westwardly by land above described as taken from E. P.  
Tuckerman eight feet and  $\frac{2}{100}$  - containing four hundred and seventy one  
square feet and  $\frac{2}{100}$ , more or less. This line of widening will make Wash-  
ington Street forty six feet wide at this place. And Whereas, due notice  
has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcels  
of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto an-  
nexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcels of land before described be  
and the same hereby are, taken and laid out as a public street or way  
of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by  
James Slade, City Engineer, dated February 25. 1856. and deposited in  
the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge  
that the expense of widening the said Washington Street, as aforesaid,  
will amount to Twelve thousand dollars: which sum together with  
the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in  
said street, during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of  
five thousand dollars Read and the resolve and order passed. Yeas,  
Aldermen Bonney, Brewster, Calhoun, Codman, Dingliij, Jackson, Kendall,  
Plummer & Kay. Aldermen Cheever, Meriam, Rich, Torrey. 4. Sent  
down for concurrence April 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 26. 1856.

Morgan.

The Committee on Petition to whom  
was referred the petition of the heirs of Sarah Morgan for abatement  
of an assessment for a sidewalk in Second Street reported, that said  
assessment of thirteen dollars and fifty cents has been abated on account  
of the inability of the parties to pay the same. Read and accepted.







City Document. — No. 87.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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EXTENSION

OF

WASHINGTON STREET,

TO

HAYMARKET SQUARE.

1872.

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# CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Sept. 9th, 1872.

RESOLVED, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that WASHINGTON STREET should be extended to Haymarket square; and for that purpose it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to EDWARD S. MASON, bounded as follows, viz.: westwardly by the westerly line of the proposed extension of Washington street, there measuring forty-eight and  $\frac{26}{100}$  feet; northwardly by Brattle street, seventeen and  $\frac{20}{100}$  feet; eastwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from F. G. Tuckerman, forty-nine and  $\frac{42}{100}$  feet; and southwardly by Cornhill, fourteen and  $\frac{26}{100}$  feet; containing seven hundred and sixty-six square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to F. G. TUCKERMAN, bounded as follows, viz.: westwardly by land before described as taken from Edward S. Mason, there measuring forty-nine and  $\frac{42}{100}$  feet; northwardly by Brattle street, thirty and  $\frac{35}{100}$  feet; eastwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from S. P. Tuckerman, forty-three and  $\frac{62}{100}$  feet; and southwardly by the present northerly line of Washington street, on three lines, seventeen and  $\frac{20}{100}$ , seventeen and  $\frac{47}{100}$ , and five and  $\frac{24}{100}$  feet, respectively; containing sixteen hundred and seventy-four square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to S. P. TUCKERMAN, A. O. Bigelow, trustee, bounded as follows, viz.: westwardly by land before described as taken from F. G. Tuckerman, there measuring forty-three and  $\frac{62}{100}$  feet; northwardly by Brattle street, thirty-one feet; eastwardly by land hereinafter







described as taken from Edward Tuckerman, twenty-nine and  $\frac{31}{100}$  feet; and southwardly by the present northerly line of Washington street, thirty-six and  $\frac{80}{100}$  feet; containing twelve hundred and three square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to EDWARD TUCKERMAN, bounded as follows, viz.: westwardly by land before described as taken from S. P. Tuckerman, there measuring twenty-nine and  $\frac{31}{100}$  feet; northwardly by Brattle street, twenty-nine and  $\frac{70}{100}$  feet; eastwardly by Dock square, on five lines, four and  $\frac{70}{100}$  feet, one foot, five and  $\frac{97}{100}$  feet, one foot, and four and  $\frac{77}{100}$  feet, respectively; and southwardly by the present northerly line of Washington street, forty and  $\frac{70}{100}$  feet; containing nine hundred and thirty-five square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to the FIFTY ASSOCIATES, bounded as follows, viz.: westwardly by the westerly line of the proposed extension of Washington street, there measuring two hundred forty and  $\frac{70}{100}$  feet; northeastwardly by Elm street, twenty-two and  $\frac{54}{100}$ , and twelve and  $\frac{57}{100}$  feet; southeastwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from the Fifty Associates, trustees, twenty and  $\frac{50}{100}$  feet; eastwardly by the same, two hundred twenty-two and  $\frac{20}{100}$  feet; and southwardly and southwestwardly by Brattle street, on three lines, thirteen and  $\frac{26}{100}$  feet, eleven and  $\frac{27}{100}$  feet, and forty and  $\frac{70}{100}$  feet, respectively; containing nine thousand four hundred and fifty-seven square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to the FIFTY ASSOCIATES, TRUSTEES, bounded as follows, viz.: westwardly by land before described as taken from the Fifty Associates, two hundred twenty-two and  $\frac{20}{100}$  feet; northwestwardly by the same, twenty and  $\frac{50}{100}$  feet; northeastwardly by Elm street, sixty-six and  $\frac{15}{100}$  feet; eastwardly by the easterly line of the proposed extension of Washington street, one hundred thirteen and  $\frac{99}{100}$  feet; southwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from the heirs of David Sears, three feet; again east-







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wardly by the same, ninety-seven and  $\frac{8}{100}$  feet; and again southwardly by Brattle street, on three lines, fifteen and  $\frac{18}{100}$ , twenty-nine and  $\frac{70}{100}$ , and fourteen and  $\frac{70}{100}$  feet, respectively; containing thirteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to the HEIRS OF DAVID SEARS, bounded as follows, viz.: westwardly by land before described as taken from the Fifty Associates, trustees, there measuring ninety-seven and  $\frac{8}{100}$  feet; northwardly by the same, three feet; eastwardly by the easterly line of the proposed extension of Washington street, ninety-six and  $\frac{43}{100}$  feet; and southwardly by Brattle street, three and  $\frac{8}{100}$  feet; containing two hundred and ninety square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to SAMUEL STILLMAN AND WIFE, TRUSTEES, and THE HEIRS OF SARAH HUGHES, bounded as follows, viz.: eastwardly by other land hereinafter described as taken from Samuel Stillman and wife and others, there measuring sixteen and  $\frac{63}{100}$  feet; southeastwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from the heirs of Solomon Wildes, on two lines, two and  $\frac{50}{100}$  feet, and twenty-two feet; southwestwardly by Elm street, fifty-nine and  $\frac{30}{100}$  feet; westwardly by the proposed westerly line of Washington street, two and  $\frac{40}{100}$  feet; northwestwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from the heirs of Samuel Whitwell, forty-one and  $\frac{72}{100}$  feet; southwestwardly by the same,  $\frac{33}{100}$  of a foot; again northwestwardly by the same,  $\frac{36}{100}$  of a foot; and northeastwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from the heirs of Solomon Wildes, on two lines, eighteen and  $\frac{63}{100}$  feet, and twenty-four and  $\frac{65}{100}$  feet; containing two thousand two hundred and seven square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to the HEIRS OF SOLOMON WILDES, bounded as follows, viz.: eastwardly by other land hereinafter described as taken from the said heirs, there measuring twenty-seven and  $\frac{63}{100}$  feet; southwestwardly by Elm street, ten and  $\frac{28}{100}$  feet; and northwestwardly by land







thirty five feet Southwesterly by lot number sixteen, eighty five and  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Northwesterly by land of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, thirty five feet. Northeastly by lot number fourteen, eighty five and  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet to said Notre Dame Street, the point of commencement containing twenty nine hundred and eighty four square feet, being Lot No 15, according to said plan. By order of Stephen M. Allen, Mortgagee, Nov 27. 1871 And I further depose and say, that pursuant to said notice, and at the time and place therein appointed, the said default still continuing, I sold the premises conveyed by said mortgaged deed, at public auction, by Patrick Kilroy, a duly licensed auctioneer, to John H. Nickerson above named, for the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, which amount was bid by the said John H. Nickerson, and was the highest bid made therefor at said auction, and I have this day, in pursuance of said power contained in said mortgage, delivered to said John H. Nickerson, the foregoing deed of said mortgaged premises. Witness my hand this thirteenth day of December A. D. 1872 Stephen M. Allen, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk ss. December 24<sup>th</sup> 1872. Then personally appeared the above named Stephen M. Allen, and made oath that the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed is true, before me, A. R. Holden, Jr. Justice of the Peace. December 26. 1872, at one o'clock and eighteen minutes P. M. Received, Entered and Examined, and reference made as by law required.

*W. H. Allen, Secy. of the City of Boston*

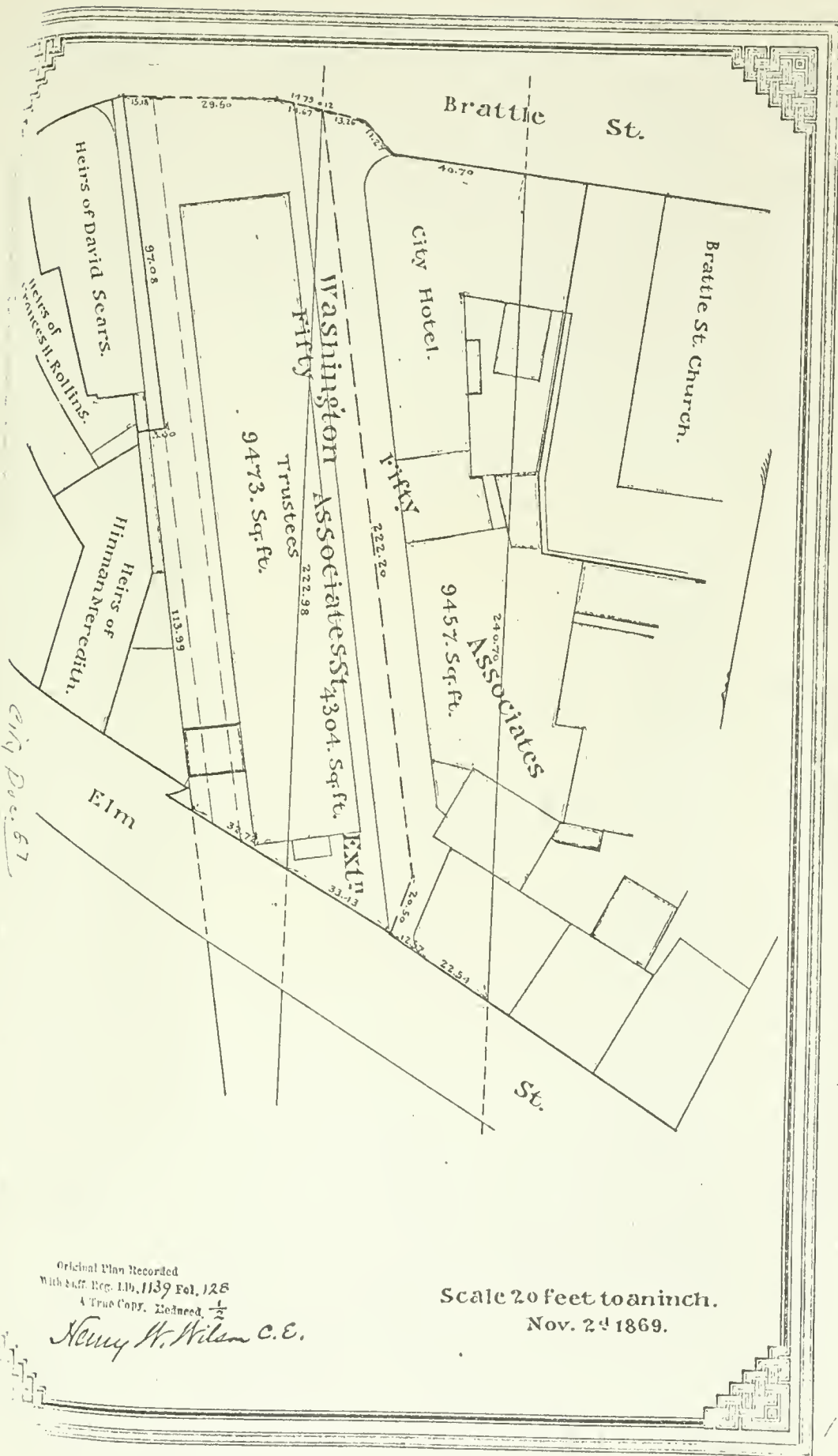
Fifty Associates  
to  
City of Boston

Know all Men by these Presents That The Fifty Associates, a Corporation duly established by law, in consideration of one hundred and seventy six thousand eight hundred and fifty five dollars, to it paid by the City of Boston, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the said City of Boston and its assigns forever, a parcel of land, situated in said Boston, bounded as follows, viz. Westward by the westerly line of the extension of Washington Street as extended by the Resolve hereinafter









Original Plan Recorded  
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 A True Copy. Witnessed  $\frac{1}{2}$

*Henry W. Wilson C.E.*

Scale 20 feet to an inch.  
 Nov. 2<sup>d</sup> 1869.







red to, there measuring two hundred and forty and  $\frac{7}{100}$  feet. Northeastwardly by Elm Street, twenty two and  $\frac{34}{100}$  feet, and twelve and  $\frac{57}{100}$  feet. Southeastwardly by land described in said Resolve as taken in the Fifty Associates, Trustees, twenty  $\frac{59}{100}$  feet. Eastwardly by the same, two hundred and twenty and  $\frac{20}{100}$  feet, and southwardly and south-westwardly by Brattle Street in three lines, thirteen and  $\frac{26}{100}$  feet, eleven and  $\frac{27}{100}$  feet, and forty and  $\frac{70}{100}$  feet respectively, containing nine thousand four hundred and fifty seven square feet, more or less. Being shown on a plan made by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated November 2, A.D. 1869, and deposited in the office of the said City Surveyor. The above granted premises were taken by a Resolve of the Board of Street Commissioners of the said City of Boston, to extend Washington Street, passed September 9th. A.D. 1872, reference to which is hereby had, and are to be used for the purposes of a public street of said City of Boston, and the above consideration has been received in full satisfaction and discharge of all claims and demands for damages, costs, expenses, and compensation, by reason of the taking. And it doth for itself and its successors, grant and agree, to and with the said City of Boston, to indemnify and forever save harmless the said City of Boston, against any and all claims and demands of any person or persons whatsoever, for damages, costs, expenses or compensation, for or on account of the granted premises, or the taking thereof. To have and to hold the above granted premises, to the said City of Boston, its successors in fee simple forever. And it, the said Fifty Associates, in itself and its successors, do covenant with the said City of Boston, that it is lawfully seized in fee of the above granted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, that it has good right to sell and convey the same to the said City of Boston forever, as aforesaid, and that it will, and its successors will, warrant and defend the same to the said City of Boston forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, the said Corporation has hereto affixed its corporate seal, and caused these presents to be signed by its President F. B. Browninshield, countersigned by its Treasurer James V. Cutting and attested by its Clerk, Charles W. Cutting.







This twenty third day of December, in the year of our  
 one thousand eight hundred and seventy two.  
 Signed, sealed & delivered F. D. Crowninshield, President of  
 in presence of } Fifty Associates, & the corporate seal  
 countersigned, by Jas. W. Lotting, Treas. Fifty Associates.  
 Attest Jas. W. Lotting, Secy. Fifty Associates.  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Suffolk ss. Decem.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> 1872. Then personally appeared the above named  
 Crowninshield, President of the Fifty Associates, who  
 acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free  
 and deed of the said Fifty Associates, before me,  
 Sam W Swett, Justice of the Peace. Approved to F.  
 tredges, Asst. City Solicitor.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Fifty  
 associates held Dec 19. 1872. it was voted,  
 That whereas certain real estate on Brattle  
 and Elm Street in the City of Boston, be-  
 long to the Fifty Associates, part of which  
 held by them as Trustees of the Donnell  
 Fund, so called, has been taken by the  
 authorities for the purpose of extending  
 ington Street, and 398.510 dollars have been  
 paid as damages therefor, the President,  
 and Secy of this Corporation are  
 authorized to receive and receipt for same  
 damages, and to sign in the usual  
 names and affix the corporate seal  
 to such instruments, releasing claims  
 and conveying said land for the  
 purposes of a Street, and containing  
 such covenants as shall be satisfactory  
 to the City Solicitor.

Attest

Jas W Lotting.

December twenty sixth. A. D. 1872. 2  
 o'clock and forty minutes P. M.  
 Received, Entered and Examined.

Attest [Signature]



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